

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the goal of the CFSF?

The goal is to:

- qualify Africans, Asians, and Latin Americans to be able to provide adequate training for future Church communicators in local training institutes, communication (and theology) faculties and major seminaries
- broaden the base of qualified priests, deacons, religious and lay people who are competent to further develop the communication ministry of the local Churches. In particular, the fund supports the development of potential future national or regional communication coordinators.

Who can apply?

Priests, religious, permanent deacons and lay people, male, and female, supported by their bishop and/or religious superior and with a proven ability (including practical experience) and interest in working in communications.

Please note that applications must be submitted by the respective Church authority, therefore applications sent by candidates without clearly stated support cannot be considered.

I am from Western Europe / North America, can I apply?

No, only people from the Global South (Africa, Asia, and Latin America) can apply for this fund. Applicants from Central, Southeastern and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia can also apply, but their application must be submitted via RENOVABIS [here](#).

When is the application deadline?

The call for applications is now open and **will close on 7 March 2023**.

Are there benefits beyond the financial support?

The fund offers financial support to

- Participate in the CFSF network of scholarship holders and alumni
- Receive advice on problems (e.g., visas) and study matters related to communication and media if needed (literature, thesis topics, etc.)

- Upon request, additional partial funding for internships, language courses, field research, equipment, and conference participation may be granted during the course of study if required

What are the application requirements?

To apply you must provide the following (by 7 March 2023):

- The completed [application](#) and [budget](#) forms
- Curriculum Vitae
- Academic titles, diplomas, and other relevant certificates
- Personal motivation statement (100-300 words)
- Recommendation from a church leader
- Mutual commitment signed by you and the legal representative of the requesting institution
- Confirmation from the bishops' conference (bishop or national communications coordinator responsible for media and communications) or superior, local bishop, that the candidate's further training will be of benefit to the local church
- Confirmation (or pre-registration certificate) from the university/institute regarding the candidate's admission to the chosen course/programme

Who chooses the selected scholarship holders?

Currently the selection process is administered by the [Catholic Media Council \(CAMECO\)](#). The selection itself is carried out by a screening committee, which awards the scholarships and is currently made up of representatives from:

- [Dicastery for Communications](#),
- [Institute of Missiology at missio Aachen](#),
- [USCCB Catholic Communication Campaign](#),
- [Adveniat](#),
- [Renovabis](#).

How many people were awarded the scholarship?

Between 2012 and 2022, 79 people (31 women and 48 men) were awarded the fund.

Is there a network of CFSC alumni?

We plan to launch the network in 2023. Stay tuned!

Do I need to be fluent in English to apply for this programme?

No, you can apply if your language is Spanish (*Ver convocatoria en español [aquí](#)*) or French (*Voir l'appel en français [ici](#)*).

Do I have to send my application to your address, or can I just do it online?

You can apply online by sending everything to the email address scholarship@cameco.org. Just make sure you sign the documents and send them as PDF.

I have further questions; how can I contact you?

You can contact us at scholarship@cameco.org.