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IBFD CSAT Scholarship

Awarded by the IBFD Centre for Studies in African Taxation

Advanced Master's in International Tax Law • Six-month internship with IBFD



CSAT Scholarship

Once a year, IBFD awards a scholarship through its Centre for Studies in African Taxation (CSAT). CSAT is an integral part of IBFD, an independent not-for-profit foundation that provides high-quality information and education on international taxation. Open to employees of African tax authorities, the CSAT Scholarship is based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

For specific questions about the CSAT Scholarship, please send an email to: CSAT@ibfd.org



About the CSAT Scholarship

Established in 2015, CSAT is a fully autonomous think tank dedicated to the study and development of African taxation. Within this framework, the CSAT Scholarship annually offers the following package to the most promising employee from an African tax authority:

- ▶ Full tuition fees for the UvA-IBFD Advanced Master's in International Tax Law (LLM programme)
- ▶ A six-month internship at IBFD's headquarters in Amsterdam upon completion of the LLM
- ▶ A monthly stipend for living expenses for the duration of the scholarship

About the UvA-IBFD Advanced Master's in International Tax Law

IBFD has joined forces with the University of Amsterdam (UvA) to create a unique advanced Master's programme: International Tax Law: Principles, Policy and Practice. This one-year, full-time programme is based in the diverse and cosmopolitan city of Amsterdam in the Netherlands. The CSAT Scholarship offers full tuition fees for this prestigious course, which has been ranked as a top school in the LLM Guide's 2017 Top 10 List for LLM Programs in International Tax Law.

About the IBFD internship

Upon successful completion of the LLM programme, the scholarship will then progress with a six-month internship at IBFD's headquarters, also based in Amsterdam. Here you will work with, and continue to learn from, our core team of nearly 200 experts from over 40 countries.

This core team liaises daily with a global network of authors and correspondents to maintain IBFD's position as the pre-eminent authority on cross-border taxation. Throughout the duration of the CSAT Scholarship, the successful candidate will also receive a small monthly stipend towards living expenses.

Requirements for the CSAT Scholarship

Employees of an African tax authority, meeting all of the following criteria, may apply for the scholarship.

The candidate:

- ▶ Has been an employee of a tax authority for at least three years
- ▶ Has a university degree in law, economics or business administration and a proven interest in tax law
- ▶ Is proficient in the English language
- ▶ Is willing to actively participate in the classroom
- ▶ Has an open mind towards different cultures

How the CSAT Scholarship is awarded

The following factors are taken into consideration in awarding the scholarship

- ▶ A letter from the employer confirming the employment status and that the applicant will return after completion of the scholarship
- ▶ Grades obtained by the applicant in his or her first degree
- ▶ Whether the applicant has demonstrated international mobility by pursuing a joint university study programme or has previously been granted an award to study outside his or her home country
- ▶ Whether the applicant has published articles related to tax law in an academic journal and the quality of those articles
- ▶ Other academic achievements

The successful candidate will be chosen by the CSAT Scholarship committee. Please note that IBFD reserves the right not to award the scholarship at all if it does not consider any of the applicants sufficiently qualified.

Application process for the CSAT Scholarship

The LLM programme starts in September every year and applications must be received by 1 April of the same year. The application process has the following steps:

1. The candidate applies for the LLM (see link below)
2. The candidate pays the LLM application fee (approximately EUR 100)
3. The candidate sends all required documents to the LLM student services (see link below)
4. When sending the above-mentioned documents, the candidate should include a motivation letter for the scholarship, together with a 2,000-word essay on the challenges and opportunities for African taxation
5. The University of Amsterdam will first assess the candidate's credentials and determine his or her eligibility for the LLM
6. If the candidate is eligible, the application will be forwarded to the CSAT Scholarship committee
7. All forwarded applications will be considered in accordance with the factors detailed under **How the CSAT Scholarship is awarded**
8. A decision will be made and communicated to all forwarded candidates

The latest application requirements and procedures for the LLM programme can be found here: www.uva.nl/en



CSAT objectives

As a fully autonomous think tank, CSAT's objectives are to study and provide well-researched opinions on taxation in Africa, to encourage research by Africans for Africa and to find practical solutions that work within an African context.

Our objectives are underpinned by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2015. In particular, they build upon Goal 17: **Revitalize the**

global partnership for sustainable development.

Goal 17 aims to "strengthen domestic resource mobilization, including through international support to developing countries, to improve domestic capacity for tax and other revenue collection."

The CSAT Scholarship is just one of the ways in which we take action to achieve this goal. You can read more about CSAT's objectives at www.ibfd.org/CSAT.

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