

# 2026 Scholarship F.A.Q.

The following are common questions related to the Hospi Scholarships:

## 1. General Questions About the Institution

- What is the official name of the institution offering the scholarships?
  - The University of Mid Florida (UMF)
- Is the school accredited? If not, what is the current status of accreditation?
  - UMF is recognized by the State of Florida
  - The institution is seeking DEAC Accreditation, with a projected date of 2027
- Have any students graduated from UMF?
  - The first students graduated in June 2025
- Where is the school registered, and does it have a physical presence in Africa?
  - The school is registered in the State of Florida
  - The school will have a small presence in Ghana
- How long has the institution been providing education and scholarships?
  - UMF had its first term in July of 2023, beginning with the MBA program
  - The scholarship program began with the July term in 2024
- Are there partnerships with African universities or institutions?
  - At this time there are no official partnerships with African universities or institutions

## 2. Scholarship Eligibility and Requirements

- Who is eligible to apply for the scholarships?
  - Anyone with a Bachelors degree from an accredited institution, outside of the United States
- Do students need to have prior experience in hospitality, business, or technology?
  - No experience necessary. They only need a passion for the content.
- Is there a minimum GPA requirement for applicants?
  - Preference is given to students with a 3.0 GPA (4 point scale) or higher
  - Students with less than a 3.0 GPA may be admitted provisionally
  - Provisional students start their first term with just one course
  - Students will need to maintain a 3.0 GPA once in their program
- What level of English proficiency is required?
  - Moderate skills in English are required
- Can students without a bachelor's degree apply?
  - No, for a Masters degree they must have a Bachelors degree at minimum
- Are scholarships available for working professionals looking to upskill?
  - Yes, but only if they have a Bachelors degree
- Is there an age limit for scholarship applicants?
  - No

## 3. Application and Admission Process

- How can students apply for the scholarships?
  - There is an application form for each scholarship, and a separate admissions process for UMF
- What documents are required for the application (e.g., transcripts, recommendation letters, essays)?
  - Applicants will need to submit unofficial transcripts, proof of identity, and an enrollment form
  - Official transcripts must be received within 30 days of the student's first term

- What is the deadline for applications each quarter?
  - March 15, June 15, August 15, December 20
  - Applications are rolling, but deadlines are for the next semester; April, July, Sept, Jan starts
- Is there an application review process, and how long does it take?
  - There is a rolling review process
  - The length depends on the applicant's ability to submit materials
- Are interviews required as part of the admission process?
  - No
- Can students apply if they do not have access to all required documents immediately?
  - Students cannot start an academic program until all materials and fees have been satisfied

#### 4. Program Structure and Course Delivery

- What are the key areas of study offered in the scholarship?
  - Master of Business Administration
  - MSc in Hospitality Management
  - MSc in Computer Science
- How are the classes conducted?
  - All courses are offered asynchronously; students and instructors are not together at same time
  - Students complete work in their own time with clear deadlines for submissions
  - Lectures are pre-recorded, content is provided in LMS (learning management system)
  - Some live gatherings are offered that are not specifically tied to a course
- What is the duration of each program, and how many courses are required for completion?
  - Each semester is 10 weeks
  - Students generally take two courses per term
  - Master of Business Administration is 15 courses
  - MSc in Hospitality Management is 12 courses
  - MSc in Computer Science is 10 courses
- How many hours per week are students expected to dedicate to the program?
  - At minimum a student should be committing 3 hours per credit
  - With two 3-credit courses per term, this equates to ~18 hours per week
- Are there opportunities for students to interact with instructors and industry professionals?
  - Students are able to interact with their professors on a fairly regular basis
  - Online discussions occur most weeks of the term, and instructors actively participate
  - Industry professionals may interact with students as guests during live gatherings
- Will students receive practical, hands-on training or internship opportunities?
  - Students will engage in authentic work, so there will be predominantly practical coursework
  - Most instructors will spend extended time to ensure that students grasp the coursework, which is in itself training to do specific roles
  - Each student is expected to do at least one internship
  - The leadership of UMF will assist in securing internships
  - Internships will mostly be virtual for students based outside of Florida, or can (and should) be hosted local to where the student lives

#### 5. Costs and Financial Support

- What do the scholarships cover?
  - The following table breaks down the costs for each degree program:

## BREAKDOWN OF HOSPI SCHOLARSHIP & STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Term	45cr - Business Administration Tuition for Term	36cr - Hospitality Management Tuition for Term	30cr - Computer Science Tuition for Term
Pre-Term	Application Fee=\$100 <b>Scholarship=\$75</b> Student App Fee=\$25	Application Fee=\$100 <b>Scholarship=\$75</b> Student App Fee=\$25	Application Fee=\$100 <b>Scholarship=\$75</b> Student App Fee=\$25
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Jul 2027 (1 class)	3x\$495=\$1485 TUITION \$150x1=\$150 ARF <b>Total Due=\$1635</b> Scholarship=\$1535 Student Balance=\$100		
Last Term Fees	Graduation Fee=\$50 Administration Fee=\$50	Graduation Fee=\$50 Administration Fee=\$50	Graduation Fee=\$50 Administration Fee=\$50
	<b>Degree Total Cost = \$24,725</b> Scholar. Covers \$23,300 <b>Student Resp. \$1425</b>	<b>Degree Total Cost = \$19,820</b> Scholar. Covers \$18,695 <b>Student Resp. \$1125</b>	<b>Degree Total Cost = \$16,550</b> Scholar. Covers \$15,625 <b>Student Resp. \$925</b>

## **Costs and Financial Support (continued...)**

- Are there any hidden fees beyond the application fee (\$25) and academic resources fee (\$100)?
  - There is a graduation and administration fee of \$100 which is reflected in the tables above
  - The graduation and administration fee is due before a student can officially graduate
- What happens if a student cannot afford the academic resources fee (ARF)?
  - Students must pay all fees before starting a term
  - They will need to seek out additional scholarships or funding sources
  - Without payment, students may need to take a term off until they can return
- Is financial aid or sponsorship available for additional expenses?
  - There is no financial aid (grants, loans) available
  - UMF is seeking to develop additional scholarship sources through other organizations
- Are students required to sign any financial agreements?
  - Students are responsible for signing the UMF enrollment agreement
- Can students pay in installments?
  - Students can pay in installments leading up to a term, but cannot attend classes until their fees are paid

## **6. Certification and Graduation**

- What kind of certificate or degree will students receive upon completion?
  - Students will receive a diploma reflecting the degree earned
- Will the certification be internationally recognized?
  - Yes. UMF is already recognized by the State of Florida
  - It is up to the reviewing organization to determine what value that carries
  - The institution is seeking DEAC Accreditation, with a projected date of 2027
- Where will the graduation ceremony be held?
  - For African students graduation will take place in Ghana
  - For Florida students graduation will take place in Orlando, Florida
- Will students receive a physical diploma or an online certificate?
  - Students will receive both
- How can graduates verify their certificates for job applications?
  - The leadership at UMF will be able to verify graduates

## **7. Career and Employment Opportunities**

- Do graduates get job placement support?
  - There is no formal career placement office at this time
  - UMF leadership and professors will assist graduates with their job search process
- Are there internship or work opportunities for students during the program?
  - Each student is expected to do at least one internship
  - The leadership of UMF will assist in securing internships
  - Internships will mostly be virtual for students based outside of Florida, or can (and should) be hosted local to where the student lives
- What industries or companies recognize the diploma or certificate?
  - UMF is already recognized by the State of Florida
  - It is up to the reviewing organization to determine what value that carries
- Are there mentorship or networking opportunities for students?
  - UMF leadership and some professors will provide mentorship and networking assistance
- How can students connect with industry leaders and potential employers?

- UMF encourages students to become active on LinkedIn
- LinkedIn is core to some courses as a project for students to improve their personal branding
- Upon request and at the discretion of UMF leadership and instructors, introductions will be made

## **8. Institutional Support and Resources**

- What kind of student support services are available?
  - Students receive direct support from their instructors
- Will students have access to online academic resources and libraries?
  - The Institution offers Aquinas OLIB, the Library and Information Resources Network
  - Aquinas OLIB is a hosted online service featuring academic search capabilities
  - The Aquinas OLIB collection provides students with access to peer-reviewed and full-text journal, magazine, and newspaper articles, e-books, podcasts, audio, and video resources to support their academic studies
- Are there tutors or academic advisors available to assist students?
  - Students receive direct support from their instructors
- Is there a technical support team to assist with online learning issues?
  - Yes. The leadership team at UMF will support students with online learning challenges
- What kind of mentorship and coaching is available to students?
  - The leadership team at UMF will support students as needed

## **9. Expansion and Future Plans**

- Does the institution plan to establish physical learning centers in Africa?
  - UMF is exploring an annex location in Ghana
- Are there plans to expand scholarship opportunities for more students in the future?
  - There will be ongoing scholarships through 2028
- Will more courses and programs be added in the coming years?
  - Undetermined. UMF's focus is to build out the current three graduate programs until accreditation is achieved
- Are there opportunities for African universities to collaborate on research and training?
  - Yes. UMF is open to collaboration