Bursaries and Scholarships Guide for Postgraduate Students 2016

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WELCOME

In a 21st century knowledge economy, a first degree is no longer enough. Postgraduate study carries at least six key benefits. One, it strengthens your competitiveness as a graduate in a specialised job market. Two, it extends and deepens your knowledge and skills in a fast-changing global market. Three, it offers you research preparation that enhances your capacity to access, make sense of, and deploy new knowledge in a complex society. Four, it builds your confidence, capacity and credibility as a highly skilled graduate. Five, it provides real-time professional development and learning even as you reach for the degree, and six, it often provides personal satisfaction and reward especially for working students seeking to enrich their lives and pursue their dreams.

The University of the Free State recently decided to make major investments in postgraduate education as the institution becomes a hub for students from all over the world who wish to advance beyond their first degree. We have increasingly attracted top professors from across the globe, who in turn attract some of the smartest postgraduate students worldwide. We have built new laboratories and institutes that undertake advanced research in the sciences and humanities. We have set up a specialist Postgraduate School with the singular function of responding to the academic, social and material needs of Honours, Masters and Doctoral students. We have secured state-of-the-art accommodation for postgraduate students. In addition, the multiplication of seminars, conferences, webinars and workshops on research and scholarship has transformed the UFS into an exciting intellectual space for postgraduate students.

FUNDING YOUR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

This university believes that postgraduate students ought to have as their first priority academic work rather than worrying about financing their studies. We are therefore committed to assisting postgraduate students with finding resources to support their studies.

There is a dedicated office for postgraduate funding opportunities within the Postgraduate School to assist students to identify sources of finance within and outside the University, and to prepare successful applications for funding. The Office manages a rich online database of scholarships, bursaries and other funding opportunities.

The Postgraduate funding office also offers individual consultations to students on questions related to financial support. The administration of student finances is partly done by the Postgraduate School (Johannes Brill building, room 17).

For more information contact Joy Nogabe on NogabeSJ@ufs.ac.za or phone 051 401 7161 (front desk enquiries).
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Introduction

This booklet has been compiled by UFS’s Postgraduate School Office to assist prospective and current honours and postgraduate students with information on available sources of funding for their studies. University education can be expensive and as such, the university strives to assist as many students as possible with accessing financial assistance to ease the burden on both students and families.

The UFS administers funds from corporate donors and the National Research Foundation (NRF). The NRF funding is specifically aimed at assisting needy students who display academic merit in all fields of study.

This booklet also contains information on funding available from a wide range of companies, foundations and other organisations, which are awarded on the basis of academic merit, financial need and/or both. Some awards are made to specific categories of people (South African citizens and Non-South Africans), or to students studying in particular fields only (e.g., Health Sciences, Information Technology, etc) while others are more widely applicable.

The Postgraduate Office advises students to study this booklet carefully and to apply for as many possible sources of funding for which they qualify, to give them the best chance of receiving financial assistance.

Students are urged to view the latest funding opportunities from the Postgraduate School website regularly for information on available funding at http://postgraduate.ufs.ac.za.

Students are also invited to contact the Postgraduate School at any time for assistance and advice regarding funding for their studies at UFS.
How to apply?

Before embarking on their studies, students need to do proper financial planning and explore all the available financial avenues. This university believes that postgraduate students’ first priority should be academic work, rather than worrying about financing their studies. The Postgraduate Office is therefore committed to assist postgraduate students to find resources to support their chosen fields of study.

There is a dedicated office for Postgraduate Funding Opportunities within the Postgraduate School to assist students to identify sources of finance within the university and beyond, and to prepare successful applications for funding. The School’s Office manages a rich online database of scholarships, bursaries and other funding opportunities, and these are updated via a monthly newsletter.

Students are strongly advised to regularly visit the postgraduate website (including e-mail) of the university for information on bursaries.

Students are advised that bursaries and scholarships are not awarded automatically. They must be applied for, by sending an application to the address of the organisation administering the bursary. These addresses are listed in this booklet.

- Students are advised to attach a complete official academic record with their applications for bursaries at UFS. For those students who have obtained their qualifications at other institutions of learning and universities, the relevant academic records must also accompany their applications.

- Should students to whom bursaries have been awarded not complete their degrees, the University may claim reimbursement of the amount paid out to them.

- Before applying to an outside organisation, applicants must make sure that they meet the minimum requirements set by those organisations and institutions.
UFS Honours Bursaries

The university aims to provide financial assistance that will contribute towards the costs of tuition and accommodation. This goal requires more money than the university has available. It is therefore vital that students needing assistance approach as many external sources as possible in addition to applying to UFS funding. The Postgraduate School Bursary amount is not sufficient to cover all study costs and students should also apply for other bursaries and loans, and/or have supplementary funds available. It is important that students applying for funding comply with the requirements and submit applications on time and by the specific closing date. Late and incomplete applications will be disqualified. Allocation of these funds is subject to availability, preference is given to students with the highest marks.

Bursaries are available for full time and part time studies. South African and International students are eligible to apply. Students who have completed their first degrees and students from other universities may apply.

Conditions to qualify for this offer:

Students must meet all academic requirements of the UFS for Honours studies.

UFS terms and conditions apply.

Closing date for applications:

30 November

Enquiries can be directed to Ms Joy Nogabe:

051 4012045 or email: nogabesj@ufs.ac.za
Funding for Research Masters and Doctoral Studies at UFS

All Research Masters and PhD students who register at the University of the Free State will receive funding to cover their tuition fees.

Funding is available for full time and part time studies.

South African and International students are eligible to apply.

The value of the funding is equivalent to the annual tuition fees of a SA or SADC student. International students from Non-SADC countries will pay 33% of the tuition fees.

Funding is available for two years for master’s students and three years part-time study. Three and four years respectively for full-time and part-time PhD students. Renewal of the funding depends on the previous year’s academic progress.

Conditions to qualify for this offer:

Students must meet all academic requirements of the UFS and must have been provisionally admitted to an academic programme.

Funding is subjected to the availability of funds

UFS terms and conditions apply.

Enquiries can be directed to Ms Joy Nogabe:
051 4012045 or email: nogabesj@ufs.ac.za
ULFE bursary

The Unit for Language Facilitation and Empowerment has two bursaries for the value of R50 000.00 each for full time masters or doctoral studies.

Requirements:
Honours in a language related field
The theme of the study must fall within the research field of the ULFE.
The bursary is linked to a 20 hours per week internship
Send your CV, academic record, as well as a provisional project proposal to zandbergj@ufs.ac.za

Applications close:
18 November
Babette Taute Honours Scholarship

The late Babette Taute left the major part of her estate to establish a bursary trust for students of English at South African universities who are South African citizens or permanent residents. Students of any branch of English language and literature study, including applied language studies, are eligible, but studies related directly to English must constitute at least 50% of the full Honours programme. This makes provision for combined Honours programmes.

All applicants are required to upload the following supporting documentation:

- A brief (1 - 2 page) curriculum vitae, highlighting academic and other achievements and activities over the past two or three years. (The committee is interested in your academic excellence, your intellectual range, and your initiative or leadership in social and cultural activities.)

- An up to date official transcript of your academic record at university or a certified copy of such a transcript. (The committee needs the most up to date official information. A certificate from your faculty or department giving results not yet in the transcript may be added.)

- Any other evidence of your suitability as a candidate. (This may include evidence of merit awards or of your excellence as a teacher, translator, interpreter, scriptwriter or other language practitioner.)

- The contact particulars of two academic referees who are qualified to comment on how good you are as a university student of English and prepared to support your application.

What does it cover:
Each scholarship will be worth R55 000.

Closing date:
Usually September

Apply to:
Formal queries should be made be through Ms Naaznien Parker at Sanlam Trust (Naaznien.Parker@sanlam.co.za) or 021-947-3882, and completed applications should be sent to Ms Naaznien Parker, Babette Taute Bursary Trust, Sanlam Trust, PO Box 1260, Sanlamhof 7532.
Canon Collins Trust Scholarships For Postgraduate Study in South Africa

Applicants must be:
- Nationals of or have refugee status in one of the following countries: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.
- In possession of a good first degree;
- Seeking this scholarship for postgraduate study at Masters or Doctoral level;
- Registered to study or wish to study at a South African university.
- Studying one of the subjects listed under priority areas.

Awards are made under the following priority areas:
Justice: Applicants must be studying postgraduate degrees in one of the following disciplines and demonstrate a commitment to social justice. Law, Economics, Politics, Environment

Education: Subjects in Education Policy and Practise are eligible under this area

Humanities: This includes: Arts, Literature, History and Anthropology

All applicants are required to upload the following supporting documentation:
- Certified copy of degree certificates, if available
- Certified academic transcripts
- Reference letters from two referees
- ID document (the following are acceptable: passport, birth certificate, driver’s license)

You may also need to submit:
- Proof of refugee status, if applicable
- Two recent payslips, if currently employed
- PhD proposal if applicable.

Duration of award(s):
Scholarships are offered for up to a maximum of two years for Master’s and three years for PhD.

What does it cover:
Awards will be valued at R65,000 for each year of study at Masters and PhD level. In exceptional cases the trust may offer up to R100,000 per year. The trust support both full and part-time study and will consider applications from those who wish to study by distance learning.

Closing date:
Usually July

Apply to:
Complete and submit an online application form: http://www.gapgrants.com/bslgap/DseatFFX.jsp?sessionid=A992B76FD14E7EC5D08FE53226C45C4C?BSLSessionStr=27077491
The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is one of the leading multidisciplinary research and development organisations in Africa with a sterling and proud track record of developing ‘Ideas that work’ to address a wide range of challenges. With some of the best and brightest minds in the world, the CSIR provide solutions that help improve the lives of all South Africans and make a significant contribution to the global wealth of scientific knowledge.

Applicants must be:

- The CSIR hereby invites bursary applications from talented young people wishing to pursue careers in science, engineering, research, technology development and innovation.
- The CSIR Postgraduate Bursary Programme is open to all academically qualified students and also aims to attract and increase participation of women and black people in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers.
- This is a comprehensive bursary that covers all the costs associated with university studies for the duration of the approved degree programme.

The CSIR has selected to focus its research and development efforts on the following impact areas:

- The built environment,
- Defence and security,
- Energy,
- Health,
- Industry and
- The natural environment.

What does it cover?

This is a comprehensive bursary that covers all the costs associated with university studies for the duration of the approved degree programme.

Closing date:

Usually June

Apply to:

Kindly fax your completed application to 012 841 3951 or email to Bursaryprogramme@csir.co.za or post to CSIR Recruitment Centre, PO Box 395, Pretoria, 0001
DAAD-NRF In-Country Scholarship Programme

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) in partnership with the National Research Foundation (NRF) offer scholarships for postgraduate studies at South African universities. The programme is co-funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the National Research Foundation (NRF). The scholarship is aimed at future academic staff development without neglecting other sector demands for academically trained personnel. University staff-members studying towards a doctoral qualification will also be considered.

Who can apply?

- The programme addresses young and rising candidates who aim at acquiring a Master’s or Doctoral degree.
- Preference will be given to full-time registered young South Africans or permanent residents.
- University staff members should be enrolled for full-time studies and be exempted from teaching.
- In exceptional cases, a limited extent of teaching obligations may be accepted but has to be motivated in writing.

Eligibility criteria:

- Applicants must be South African citizens or hold permanent residence status in South Africa in the latter case, both certified proof of university employment and residency must be provided.
- Applicants must have obtained a minimum accumulative grade average of 65% in the previous degree to be considered.
- An age limit of 36 years at the time of application applies.
- Applicants’ last qualification should not be obtained longer than six years prior to year of application.
- Applicants may come from all those fields of study that have a strong relevance to the national development of the country. Fields include: the natural sciences, mathematics, ICT, engineering, agricultural sciences, applied social sciences and humanities. Social sciences and humanities applications will be considered if the research has a social focus.
- Applicants who already hold a qualification for the level of funding they are applying for are not eligible.
- Scholarships-holders are allowed to hold supplementary bursaries, grants or emoluments which may be capped in line with NRF and university policies.
- The scholarship must not be held simultaneously with a bursary/scholarship from any other NRF source, NRF administered source, and DAAD administered source or other government sources without prior NRF / DAAD permission.
- If the applicant does receive any supplementary funding during the duration of the scholarship, this has to be declared to the NRF / DAAD.
- Scholarship-holders must not hold full-time salaried employment during the duration of the scholarship. They will be allowed to undertake a maximum of 12 hours of employment which includes teaching, tutorials, and assistance or demonstration duties per week on average.
- University staff members applying into the programme will have to provide a supporting letter from their human resource department clearly indicating their working hours and status of employment during the tenure of the award.
Application Documents:

- The following documents are required in the application attachment section.
- Proof of South African Identity Document (ID) or proof of Permanent Residency together with letter indicating university employment (if applicable, only at PhD levels).
- Official and certified university degree certificates and transcripts indicating a minimum accumulative academic achievement of 65% in previous degree.
- Recommendation by Supervisor (compulsory for doctoral applicants).
- Admission letter indicating full time registration (if available). This will be required if successful.
- Reference Letters (if available).

How to apply for funding?

Scholarship holders are not allowed to change to any other DAAD or NRF funding streams during the tenure of the award. However scholarship holders are encouraged to apply to other funding streams/programmes on completion of their funding (e.g. completion of Master’s degree and wanting to apply for doctoral funding).

Applicants can apply for the DAAD/NRF Joint In-Country Scholarship Programme by accessing the link: https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/

Short-term research scholarships (2 – 6 months) tenable at a German university

The scholarship-holder may apply for a short-term research fellowship (duration 2-6 months) in Germany where parts of the thesis-related research would significantly gain from this research visit because of required equipment, co-supervision or similar reasons. The applicant will have to present a current invitation by a German professor who is willing to supervise the research during the envisaged stay in Germany. A convincing letter of motivation and a clearly defined time schedule for the research stay must be attached.

Value of the Award

- Masters Scholarships R 70 000 p.a
- Doctoral Scholarships R 100 000 p.a

Closing date:

Usually September
DBREV Scholarship for a Masters in renewable energy studies

Financial support and mentorship is available to assist a graduate student to take forward the vision of the late Dr Doug Banks. If you are Passionate about making a difference to the African continent and Fired up about addressing Energy Poverty and Energy Access through application of Renewable Energy.

Applicants must be:

- South African citizens and/or permanent residents.
- From a background of engineering, built environment, technology, science, or law.
- Passionate about making a difference to the African continent.
- Fired up about solving energy needs into the future through the development of skills in Renewable Energy.

Duration of award(s):

A two year scholarship is available to study towards a Master’s degree in Renewable Energy at a South African University.

Closing date:

Usually September

Apply to:

Applications are via the website www.dougbanks.co.za
Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowships for Sub-Saharan African Countries Students in Africa

The African Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowships (ADDRF) programme seeks to facilitate more rigorous engagement of doctoral students in research, strengthening their research skills as well as providing them the opportunity for timely completion of their doctoral training. The Programme targets doctoral students with strong commitment to careers in training and/or research. The overall goal of the ADDRФ programme is to support the training and retention of highly-skilled, locally-trained scholars in research and academic positions across the region.

The fellowship will primarily support research (including data collection and/or analysis). Funds will not be used to support Coursework.

Applicants must:
- Be citizens or permanent residents of a sub-Saharan African country
- Be undertaking doctoral training at a recognized sub-Saharan African university
- Have completed all pre-dissertation requirements
- Provide a detailed time-frame for completing their dissertation which should be endorsed by the Head of Department or the Chair of the Dissertation Committee
- Have a research topic that has been approved by their Doctoral Dissertation Committee, as well as the Official body overseeing ethical review of the research protocol, and
- Be able to complete their dissertation within 24 months of the start of the fellowship

Selection criteria:
Candidates whose dissertation topics address health policy or health systems issues and show great promise of making substantive contribution to strengthening health systems in Africa will be given priority.

The fellowship will support original qualitative and quantitative research that addresses a clear research question, employs appropriate and rigorous design, and has unambiguous national or regional policy implication(s).

Candidates must demonstrate interest in pursuing a research career and dissertations must be sufficiently linked to future research interests.

The dissertation should ideally be related to other work going on in the department or should have received strong endorsement and support from the department.

Female applicants and those from Francophone and Lusophone countries are especially encouraged to apply.

Eligible fields of study:
- Health sector analysis
- Health management and organization
What does it cover?

- Each award will be up to a maximum of US$10,000.
- This amount will include a completion award of $1,000; allowances for a laptop computer and analytical software (e.g. STATA, SPSS, Nudist, Atlas/ti) (US$ 1,500);
- Research/data collection (US$5,500);
- Participation in one regional or international conference or workshop (US$ 2,000).
- Successful candidates will attend at least one week-long training workshop (Attending the workshop(s) is mandatory).
- All 2015 awardees are expected to attend a research methodology workshop tentatively scheduled for May 11-15, 2015.
- During the workshops, grantees will receive training and mentorship on various aspects of research (design and methods, ethics, data analyses, scientific writing, proposal development and communication of research results, etc.).
- The working language for these workshops is English.
- The students’ home institutions may receive an institutional overhead to support the department and dissertation committee in ensuring timely review of dissertation chapters.
- Supervisors, whose students complete their PhD within 2 years and who, during the fellowship duration, publish at least one research paper in a peer-reviewed international journal or book with the ADDRF fellow under their supervision, will be eligible to apply for travel awards amounting to $2,500.
- Three travel grants will be awarded each year (2015-2017).
- Awards will be subject to the supervisor having a paper accepted for oral presentation in a health systems-focused conference.
- Africa-based supervisors of fellows studying at Francophone universities will be given special considerations for travel grants.
- Travel awards will be made directly to the supervisors.

List of documents to enclose in the application:

- A completed application form (can be downloaded from https://www.aphrc.org/). This form must be submitted electronically in MS Word format.
- Proof of citizenship or permanent residence in a sub-Saharan African country (e.g. copy of passport or other national identification);
- Two letters of reference (at least one must come from a faculty member with extensive knowledge of applicant’s academic history and performance and must document how the candidate’s dissertation research fits into ongoing research programs in the department).
- Referees’ contact information must be provided in the application form.
- Evidence that the research protocol has undergone review and received approval from an approved ethical review board and the dissertation committee or is under review for the same.
Closing date:
Usually January

Apply to:
The application form and supporting documents should be submitted in a single email to 2015addrf@aphrc.org

For questions, please contact:
The ADDRF Manager, E-mail: 2015addrf@aphrc.org
Telephone: 254 20 400 1000; Cell: +254 722 205-933 / 720 098-388 / 733 410-102; Fax: +254 20 400 1101
Economic Research Southern Africa Scholarships

This scholarship is available to pursuit a Master’s degree.

List of documents to enclose in the application:
- CV
- Details of the intended programme to be studied.
- University where the studies will take place, as well as proof of acceptance.
- Certified transcript of marks obtained during university study – for all years, including the most recently completed semester of study.
- An essay of between 300 and 500 words outlining your intended direction of research, and why ERSA should consider you for the bursary above other applicants.

Applicants must:
Be South African citizen who has obtained an average of 70 per cent in the degree preceding the Master’s for which the scholarship is awarded, and who has shown academic excellence in economic studies. Priority will be given to designated groups.

Scholarship Description:
Ten scholarships to the value of R80 000 are available to full-time students enrolled for a master’s degree in Economics at a South African institution. Students will be required to work in South Africa as economists for a period of one year after obtaining the master’s degree. ERSA scholarship holders will be expected to present a paper based on the dissertation component of their degree, at an ERSA workshop in the research group which is relevant to their area of specialisation. For more information on these research groups, see http://www.econrsa.org/workshops

Upon completion of the degree, scholarship holders will be required to submit this paper to the ERSA Working Paper series. Publication will be subject to standard quality verification standards.

Duration of award:
One year.

Selection Criteria:
The procedure of students’ selection is oriented to academic excellence and ability to do research in economics in a relevant field of study in South Africa.

Notification:
Selection results will be provided to these applicants by February.

Closing date:
Usually December.

Apply to:
Go to http://www.econrsa.org for applications procedure. Please send your application to: “The ERSA scholarship programme”, for attention:
Ms Yoemna Mosaval
E-mail address: Scholarships@econrsa.org
Ernst & Ether Eriksen Trust

The Trust provides study grants to students doing post graduate study and will enable scholars from all walks of life to fulfil their dreams, and in so doing benefit South Africa.

Applicants must:
- Be South African citizens.
- Be studying at a South African university.
- Have completed their honours in order to apply.

What does it cover?
The amount of the grant is solely at the discretion of the Trustees and subject to the availability of funds.

Closing date:
Usually September

Apply to:
http://www.eriksentrust.co.za/
FoodBev SETA

FoodBev SETA annually supports full time postgraduate students by offering bursaries to study towards a tertiary qualification in the Food and Beverages Manufacturing Sector Education and Training Authority in order to support the sector with the research skills.

Applicants must:
- Be full time postgraduate students.
- Be South African citizens.
- Have a qualification in the field of research innovation, which is deemed to be relevant to the Food and Beverage manufacturing industry.

List of documents to enclose in the application:
- FoodBev bursary application form (available on www.foodbev.co.za).
- Motivational letter.
- Tuition fee quotation issued by the Higher Education Institution and the Bank Account of the Proof of registration or an acceptance letter from the Higher Education Institution for intended qualification.
- Certified ID copy.

What does it cover?
Research and Innovation Projects up to a maximum of R50 000 per annum per candidate for tuition fees and books, payable directly to the Institution on receipt of an academic financial statement.

Apply to:
E-mail to unemployedbursaries1415bursary@foodbev.co.za
Fax to 011 253 7333
Hand delivery or post to: 13 Autumn Street, Rivonia, 2128
PO Box 245, Gallo Manor, 2052
Contact person: Andrea Basson andreab@foodbev.co.za or 011 253 7314
Maureen Mumbashi maureenm@foodbev.co.za or 011 253 7370

Closing date:
Usually February of every year
French Institute of South Africa

The French Institute of South Africa is funding research projects in the Human and Social Sciences on Southern Africa. IFAS has a regional mandate covering ten countries in Southern Africa (South Africa, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Swaziland, Botswana and Namibia). Priority will be given to applicants whose research is in line with the research programmes of the Institute.

The focus areas are:
- Archeology and multidisciplinary studies of Middle and Late Stone Age, rock art
- Early modern and modern history of Southern Africa, integration of Southern Africa in Atlantic and Indian oceans circulations, history of knowledge, sciences and techniques
- Current issues of memory in Southern Africa, historical régimes
- Democratic mutations in Southern Africa, electoral dynamics, citizenship and its transformation, identity policies, education, language policy, nation-building processes
- Geography and urban studies, historical development of Southern African cities, governance, access to public services, adoption of “best practice” models, migration, xenophobia, spatial justice, right to the city, city memory
- Resources.
- Comparative Development Economics, economic policy, sector-focused studies, Formal/informal labour
- Sustainable development, as well as environmental justice.

List of documents to enclose with the application:
- A short introduction letter from the applicant.
- A detailed description of the research project not exceeding 10 pages and containing the scientific project, a research agenda, institutional partnerships, indications regarding the dissemination of results
- A provisional budget indicating the amount of total funding, other sources of funding applied for and obtained, funding required from IFAS (nature of expenses);
- A CV of the candidate;
- A reference letter from the research supervisor (for students) addressed to IFAS Director, Adrien Delmas
- The application form filled in electronically.

What does it cover?
Funds allocated by IFAS will not exceed R40 000 or 4 000 EUR.

Closing date:
Usually December

Apply to:
The application should be send by email with a single pdf document attached, containing all the enclosures (including the form and the reference letter) to IFAS Director at research@ifas.org.za
Graça Machel Scholarships for Women

Applicants must be:

- Female nationals of and/or residents in one of the SADC countries: Angola, Botswana, DRC, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe
- Must be in possession of a good first degree (minimum second class, upper division or equivalent) or about to graduate in the year of application
- Studying or applying to study at a South African university.

Duration of award(s):
Funding for up to a maximum of one year for Honours, two years for Master’s and three years for PhD will be provided.

What does it cover?
The scholarships cover full tuition, stipend and other support for Honours, masters and PhD study at South African universities.

Closing date:
Usually July

Apply to:
Candidates need to complete and submit an online application form:
http://www.gapgrants.com/bslgap/DseatFFX.jsp;jsessionid=A992B76FD14E7EC5D08FE53226C45C4C?BSLSessionStr=27077491
GreenMatter Fellowship Awards:

A GreenMatter Postgraduate Award provide holistic support in the form of:

- A cash contribution towards costs of living, study fees, research equipment and research costs
- The opportunity to access mentoring support, career guidance and platforms to engage in learning networks
- Waterberg Biosphere Reserve and must have a strong applied component. Alternatively, applicants can select one of the identified research topics.

Value of the Award
ZAR 120,000 per year

Closing date:
Usually February.

Apply to:
The application form and guidance notes will be available on the GreenMatter website http://www.greenmatter.co.za/fellowship-calls.

Any questions regarding the awards can be directed by email to landiwe@greenmatter.co.za.
L’Oréal-Unesco Regional fellowships “For Women in Science” in Sub-Sahara Africa

L’ORÉAL Fellowships are open to women scientists in Sub-Saharan Africa to realize the importance of scientific research in all fields of science, engineering and technology.

Who can apply?
- Fellowships will be awarded for PhD research projects that will result in a Doctoral degree
- The research is to be conducted in any country in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- The age limits for the candidate is 40 years

Value of the Award
Fellowships up to the maximum value of $20 000 will be awarded.

List of documents to enclose with the application:
Curriculum vitae, mentioning the applicants most important scientific publications
Certified copies of degrees or diplomas
Detailed description, maximum of five pages, of the research proposal (including budget)
Scientific supervisor’s recommendation or recommendation by the Head of the scientific institution where the project will be realized

Closing date:
Usually April

Apply to:
Mandela Rhodes Foundation

The overarching mission of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation is to build exceptional leadership capacity in Africa, by providing excellent educational and training opportunities to individual Africans with leadership potential; as well as by creating over time a network of well-rounded leaders of talent, effectiveness and integrity across African society.

Who can apply?

- Citizens of all African countries
- Postgraduate study at a South African university or tertiary institution (Honours and Masters degrees only)
- Any individual between 19 and 30 years at the time of taking up the Scholarship
- Individuals that reflect in their character a commitment to the four principles of Education, Reconciliation, Leadership and Entrepreneurship
- Applicants should have a history of well above average academic results.

Value of the Award:

- Tuition and registration fees as set by the institution;
- A study materials allowance as set by the MRF;
- Accommodation and meal allowances as set by the MRF;
- A medical aid allowance as set by the MRF;
- Economy-class travel allowance for international Scholars only from the Scholar’s home to their institution at the beginning and back home at the end of their degree programme;
- Personal allowance.

Closing date:

Usually June

Apply to:

Mandela Rhodes Scholarship applicants are to apply online via the Embark application system, accessible via the link: https://campus.embarkapply.com/mandela/loginnew.aspx
The objective of the scholarship is to provide an opportunity for meritorious candidates to obtain a Masters or Doctoral Degrees in some fields of importance to the Red Meat industry of South Africa that will enable them to contribute to the improvement of the said industry. The bursary is awarded by the Meat Industry Trust to train scientists, who would through their research and studies enhance the scientific capacity of the Red Meat Industry of South Africa.

Who can apply?
- An applicant must be a South African Citizen with at least a four year B.Sc (Agric) Degree or equivalent from a South African tertiary institution.
- The applicant must meet the relevant tertiary institution’s admission requirements for the post graduate study.
- The student’s supervisor must submit a written statement with regard to the unconditional acceptance of the student for the proposed studies.
- The bursary will be awarded solely on the merits of the intended field of study and on the applicant’s ability to complete the study.
- The applicant in collaboration with the Supervisor must describe the research project proposal together with the intended study protocol to the Bursary Working Committee (BWC) for approval before the bursary application will be considered.
- The student’s academic progress and / or the progress with the post-graduate project will be evaluated by the BWC on a bi-annual basis in order for the student to proceed with the study.

The intended study should relate to one or more of the following fields:
- Genetics/ Genomes/ Breeding
- Production/ Management
- Reproduction
- Health/ Biosecurity
- Nutrition
- Rangeland/ Pasture
- Environment
- Economics/ Marketing
- Slaughter/ Carcass
- Hygiene/ Product Safety and Quality
- Consumer Health and acceptance
- Economics of any of these fields

Value of the Award
R50 000 per annum.

Closing date:
Usually October

Apply to:
Attention: A. Calitz Administrator
MIT Bursary Working Committee
P O Box 36802
Menlo Park
0102

Telephone: (012) 348 7572
Fax: 086 511 4064
E-mail: aletd@levyadmin.co.za or admin@levyadmin.co.za
The National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS) invites applications from suitably qualified students to study full-time towards a doctoral degree in the humanities and social sciences at any of the participating South African public universities. The main objective of this programme is to promote scholarship in the humanities and social sciences in South Africa, specifically among designated groups and Historically Disadvantaged Institutions.

Who can apply?

Only South African citizens from designated groups, with a preference to those from previously disadvantaged groups of the population.

Successful completion of a Master’s degree; or entering the first year of PhD/doctoral study; or currently registered for PhD study in first year of enrolment.

Not older than 45 years of age at the time of the application.

Applications are invited from ALL humanities and social science disciplines.

Applications are especially encouraged from (but are not limited to) the following disciplines:

Visual and Performing Arts; African Languages; History; Anthropology; Economics; Heritage Studies; Social Work; Indigenous Knowledge Systems; African Music and Musicology.

Value of the Award:

The value of the award is R126 000 in the first year. Annual renewals are subject to proof of satisfactory progress. The maximum funding period is three years.

Candidates should provide the following supporting documentation as part of their application:

A cover page (including Full names and surname as they appear on your ID; Full contact details, including residential and postal address; email and telephone number(s); and Name of institution at which you wish to complete your PhD studies full time).

Letter of confirmation by the prospective department or supervisor that you will be admitted to the participating university for registration for PhD study.

A motivation letter (not longer than one A4 page –500 words).

A recent intellectual autobiography: a narrative of the major influences in your intellectual life (not longer than one A4 page –500 words).

A research proposal outlining the problem statement, methodology, feasibility of your study and the contribution it will make to the body of knowledge in the particular field of study.

Two letters of recommendation from academics who are familiar with your work, of which one must be the supervisor of your Master’s thesis.

A certified copy of your full academic transcript/s.

A certified copy of your ID.

Sample copies of your best writing, e.g. a chapter from your Master’s study or any published academic work.

Closing Date:

November

Also visit NIHSS website: www.nihss.ac.za

Apply to:

Applications and queries must be sent electronically to: scholarships@nihss.ac.za
Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa Program

The Social Science Research Council offers three distinct competitive fellowship opportunities to support the advancement of the social science faculty towards the completion of a Doctoral degree in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda. The fellowships support dissertation research on peace, security, and development topics.

Who can apply?

- All applicants must be citizens of and reside in a sub-Saharan African country
- Hold a Master’s degree.
- Be enrolled in a PhD program at an accredited university in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, or Uganda.
- Be in the final year of writing and have completed at least one dissertation chapter.
- The program prioritizes applicants holding a faculty position or demonstrating a durable commitment to higher education, but does not restrict eligibility to such individuals. Research sites are not geographically restricted.
- The program seeks to promote diversity and encourages women to apply.

- The project features a thematic focus in order to renew basic research agendas addressing peace, security, and development topics as well as strengthen interdisciplinary social science research capacity on these issues.
- The program also offers two workshops each year to help fellows develop and strengthen research questions, match research methods to questions, engage key literature in their fields, and produce research publications.
- The program encourages innovative research on peace, security, and development topics, moving the boundaries of scholarship and research by exploring concrete linkages between these themes.

The application consists of the following (all to be submitted online):

- Completed Online Application Form
- Autobiographical Sketch
- Short Narrative Explaining Fit of the Topic to Peace, Security, and Development (no more than 200 words)
- Short Answer Section on Research Questions
- Short Answer Section on Methods
- Description of Work in Progress or Already Completed
- Short Answer Section on Changes in Research Design and Findings
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- Plans for the Use of the Fellowship
- Short Answer for Re-applicants
- Uploaded References (2)
- Uploaded Language Evaluation Form (if necessary)

Closing date:
Usually November.

Apply to:
NRF Free-standing Master’s and Doctoral Scholarships

The programme supports full time Master’s and Doctoral candidates who would like to pursue research studies in all areas of Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) and in Social Sciences and Humanities, at public research institutions in South Africa. A small number of scholarships are also available to students pursuing doctoral studies abroad.

Who can apply?

- Scholarships are open to South African citizens, South African permanent residents as well as a limited percentage of non-South African citizens.
- Applicants must be registered or, intending to register at a South African public university.
- Applicants that already hold a degree at the level for which they are applying for funding, are not eligible.

The following will be considered in evaluating all applications in a competitive merit review process:

- The applicant’s past, current and potential academic performance.
- The potential of the applicant to undertake an independent research project and leadership roles;
- Previous awards, prizes and honours; and
- The potential research outputs and impact.
- The feasibility and merit of the applicant’s research project proposal;
- Identification of a suitable supervisor and co-supervisor, where applicable;
- Support from the identified supervisor and referees.

Value of the Award:

Masters Scholarships R 50 000 p.a
Doctoral Scholarships R 70 000 p.a

In addition, scholarship-holders may apply for a travel grant of up to R10 000 which can be used to attend local conferences, workshops, a visit to a laboratory or, any other activity that supports the scholarship-holder’s current research progression. This is the maximum amount allowed during the tenure of the scholarship.

Closing date:

Usually August

How to apply for funding

Applications must be submitted through an online application process to the National Research Foundation (NRF) by accessing the link: https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/
NRF – HSRC Honours Labour Market Bursaries

The Education and Skills Development Programme (ESD) of the Human Science Research Council (HSRC) has been commissioned by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) to undertake research on the interface between Labour Markets and Post School Education and Training. As part of the programme to develop human capacity, the HSRC in conjunction with the National Research Foundation (NRF) provide financial support to full-time registered post graduate students in the fields of labour markets economics, education economics and information management/systems.

Areas of support:

- Labour markets economics
- Human capital or education economics
- Information management or systems.

Who can apply?

- Applicants should have obtained an aggregate of at least 60% in their previous degree.
- Applicants must give a summary of their proposed research study as requested under the details of research.
- In the proposal summary applicants must reflect an intention to work with (e.g. analyse) or manage (e.g. curate) labour market related datasets.
- Scholarships are open to only bonafide South African citizens with an undergraduate degree.
- Applicants that already hold a degree at the level for which they are applying are not eligible.
- Full time employees of Higher Education Institutions are not eligible to apply.
- All NRF/HSRC scholarships awards should be held as the primary funding source.
- Scholarships must not be held simultaneously with a bursary / scholarship from any other government, NRF or NRF administered source.
- Scholarship-holders are allowed to hold non-binding supplementary grants or emoluments to half the value of the NRF/HSRC award or the award can be supplemented to the university capped value for the level of study.
- Scholarship-holders must not hold full-time salaried employment during the tenure of the award.
- Scholarship-holders will be allowed to undertake a maximum of 12 hours of teaching, tutorials, assistance or demonstrations duties per week on average during the year of study and may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they are reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institution tariff for services rendered.

Value of the Award:
Honours Scholarships R 60 000 p.a

Closing date:
Usually November
How to apply for funding

- Applications must be submitted through an online application process to the National Research Foundation (NRF).
- Applicants can apply for the NRF – HSRC Honours Labour Market Bursaries by accessing the link: https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/
The objectives of the Innovation programme is to contribute towards the increase in the number and quality of South African postgraduate students in all areas of Science, Engineering and Technology and in the Social Sciences and Humanities, at the Masters and Doctoral levels in South Africa; and build a pipeline of the next generation of skilled scientists and researchers in South Africa.

Areas of support:
The following areas of study will be supported under this programme:
Biotechnology, Cellular and Molecular Biology, Engineering, Computer Science, Physics, Astronomy, Mathematical Sciences, Nanotechnology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Ecology, Medical Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities.

Who can apply?
● Scholarships are open to South African citizens, South African permanent residents as well as a limited percentage of non-South African citizens registered at a South African public university.
● All applicants’ for full-time Masters or Doctoral studies in South Africa must be registered or, intending to register at a South African public university.
● Applicants that already hold a degree at the level for which they are applying for funding, are not eligible.

The following will be considered in evaluating all applications in a competitive merit review process:
● The applicant’s past, current and potential academic performance.
● The potential of the applicant to undertake an independent research project and leadership roles;
● Previous awards, prizes and honours; and
● The potential research outputs and impact.
● The feasibility and merit of the applicant’s research project proposal;
● Identification of a suitable supervisor and co-supervisor, where applicable;
● Support from the identified supervisor and referees.

Value of the Award:
Master’s Scholarships R 80 000 p.a
Doctoral Scholarships R 110 000 p.a
In addition, Masters scholarship-holders may apply for a travel grant of up to R10 000 which can be used to attend local conferences, workshops, a visit to a laboratory or, any other activity that supports the beneficiaries’ current research progression. This is the maximum amount allowed during the tenure of the scholarship.

Doctoral scholarship-holders may apply for a travel grant of up to R15 000, for local travel, and up to R50 000, for international travel. These funds may be used to attend local conferences, workshops, visits to a laboratory or, any other activity that supports the beneficiaries’ current research progression. These are the maximum amounts allowed during the tenure of the scholarship.

Closing date:
Usually August

Apply to:
Applications must be submitted through an online application process to the National Research Foundation (NRF) by accessing the link: https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/
NRF Scholarships for Doctoral Studies Abroad

The NRF makes funds available to support a small number of scholarships for full-time doctoral studies abroad, with the objective of increasing the number and quality of South African doctoral graduates in South Africa. Applicants to this funding instrument, will need to ensure that supplementary funding can be secured as the NRF scholarship may not cover the full cost of tuition and living expenses abroad.

Areas of Support:
The scholarship is intended to support doctoral candidates to pursue research studies in all areas of Science, Engineering and Technology and in the Social Sciences and Humanities, at a university abroad. Preference will be given to applications to obtain a doctoral degree in a vulnerable discipline, emerging research area or where there exists a paucity of research infrastructure and/or suitably qualified supervisors in South Africa.

Who can apply?
- Scholarships are open to South African citizens, including South African permanent residents only.
- All applicants for full-time doctoral studies abroad must be registered or, intending to register at a university abroad;
- Applications will only be considered if the application includes a provisional letter of acceptance for doctoral studies from the university abroad.
- Those applicants that already hold a degree at the level for which they are applying for funding, are not eligible.

The following will be considered in evaluating all applications in a competitive merit review process:
- The applicant’s past, current and potential academic performance.
- The potential of the applicant to undertake an independent research project and leadership roles;
- Previous awards, prizes and honours; and
- The potential research outputs and impact.
- The feasibility and merit of the applicant’s research project proposal.
- In instances where the first year of studies will involve course work only, an outline of the course work to be undertaken, will be assessed;
- Motivation explaining the benefits of undertaking the doctoral studies abroad and reasons why the doctoral studies cannot be undertaken in South Africa;
- Identification of a suitable doctoral supervisor.
- Where this is not yet available, successful applicants will be required to submit this information at a later date; and
- Support from a minimum of two referees.

Value of the Award:
The value of the scholarship will be calculated as the equivalent of the United States Dollar (USD) of 22 000 per annum, for a maximum of four years, and will be paid out in the currency of the country in which the doctoral studies will be undertaken.

In addition, the NRF will cover the cost of:
- A single economy airfare for travel to the country in which the doctoral studies will be undertaken; and
A single economy airfare to return to South Africa upon completion of the doctoral studies abroad.

Closing date:
Usually August

How to apply for funding
Applications must be submitted through an online application process to the National Research Foundation (NRF) by accessing the link: https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/
NRF Scarce Skills Development Fund Masters and Doctoral Scholarships

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) supports the training of postgraduate students through the Scarce Skills Development Fund (SSDF) scholarships. Funding for the SSDF scholarships is made available from the National Skills Fund residing within the DHET, and managed by the National Research Foundation (NRF). These scholarships advances the objectives of the National Development Plan to increase the number of academic staff members at South African universities with doctoral qualifications to 75% and, the number of PhD graduations to 6000 per annum by the year 2030. Furthermore, this funding instrument advances the joint deliverables of the Departments of Higher Education and Training and Science and Technology for high-end skills in South Africa. These high-end skills are critical for South Africa to establish a knowledge-based economy and for producing new knowledge for socio economic development.

Areas of support:
The SSDF supports students who wish to pursue their postgraduate studies in the fields listed below viz.:

- Management:
- Financial Management;
- Financial sector:
- Accounting, Auditing, Statistics, Actuarial Science;
- Biological sciences:
- Biotechnology;
- Physical sciences:
- Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences, Geology, Computer Sciences, Information Systems, Chemistry;
- Engineering:
- All fields of engineering; and
- Sector specific:
- Agricultural Sciences, Transportation Studies, Tourism, Demography.

Who can apply?
- Scholarships are open to South African citizens and South African permanent residents only.
- Applicants must be registered or, intending to register at a South African public university.
- Applicants that already hold a degree at the level for which they are applying for funding, are not eligible.

The following will be considered in evaluating all applications in a competitive merit review process:
- The applicant’s past, current and potential academic performance.
- The potential of the applicant to undertake an independent research project and leadership roles;
- Previous awards, prizes and honours; and
- The potential research outputs and impact.
- The feasibility and merit of the applicant’s research project proposal;
- Identification of a suitable supervisor and co-supervisor, where applicable;
Support from the identified supervisor and referees.

**Value of the Award:**
Masters Scholarships R 80 000 p.a
Doctoral Scholarships R 110 000 p.a

In addition, Masters scholarship-holders may apply for a travel grant of up to R10 000 which can be used to attend local conferences, workshops, a visit to a laboratory or, any other activity that supports the scholarship-holder’s current research progression. This is the maximum amount allowed during the tenure of the scholarship.

Doctoral scholarship-holders may apply for a travel grant of up to R15 000, for local travel, and up to R50 000, for international travel. These funds may be used to attend local conferences, workshops, visits to a laboratory or, any other activity that supports the scholarship-holder’s current research progression. These are the maximum amounts allowed during the tenure of the scholarship.

**Closing date:**
Usually August

**How to apply for funding**
Applications must be submitted through an online application process to the National Research Foundation (NRF) by accessing the link: https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/
NRF UFS Honours Bursaries

The NRF seeks to address blockages (including low retention and throughput rates) in the Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) human capital development. In particular, to increase the base for the supply of Honours graduates eligible for entry into Master’s Degrees.

Who can apply?

- South African citizens and South African permanent residents.
- Applicants must have obtained an aggregate of at least 60% for the final year undergraduate subject(s) they are pursuing for their honours study.
- Applicants must have obtained their previous degree in the minimum prescribed period.
- Applicants who already hold a qualification at this level are not eligible to apply.

Application documentation

- Downloaded application forms from http://postgraduate.ufs.ac.za/content.aspx?id=12
- Ensure that they include the following documentation in their application:
  - Certified copy of their identity documents.
  - Certified copy of their official academic transcripts.
  - Proof of registration for honours.

Closing date:

Usually November

Apply to:

Postgraduate School Funding Office (Application forms are available from the Postgraduate School website, as from 1 October each year.)
Poliomyelitis Research Foundation Bursaries

The Poliomyelitis Research Foundation supports research aimed at furthering the development of medical virology in South Africa.

Applicants must be:

- Honours, Master’s and PhD degrees students.
- South African citizens or individuals with Permanent Resident status.
- A limited number of bursaries may be awarded to non-South African applicants.
- The Poliomyelitis Research Foundation does not support applications from full-time employees (salary receiving employees)
- Applicants that have obtained a minimum pass of 60% - must attach latest academic records.
- Preference will be given to applicants from historically disadvantaged communities.

Duration of award(s):
The maximum duration of support will normally be two years for Master’s and three years for PhD candidates.

Closing Dates:
28 February, 15 July and 15 October each year

Apply to:
Application forms must be typed. No hand written applications will be accepted. Please format the document carefully and number all pages.

E mail all applications to: prf@nicd.ac.za
PPS Bursary

The Professional Provident Society of South Africa is offering postgraduate bursary for South African citizens to study at participating South African University. Recipients of the Bursary awards will be required to become PPS Student members at no additional cost.

Application Criteria and Process

- PPS bursaries are awarded on financial need and academic record to full time university students in an effort to assist students financially to cover tuition and/or text book costs for one academic year.
- Student must be registered at a participating South African University registering for a fourth academic year of study or post-graduate degree and must be studying towards a profession, which on qualification, would be eligible for PPS membership.
- The student must be a citizen or permanent resident of South Africa.
- PPS does not award bursaries to students that already have other confirmed sponsors which cover their entire academic expenses, unless the alternative sponsor is a loan and not a bursary. If the student is in contravention with this policy, the bursary (and funds) will be withdrawn and disbursed to an alternate bursary recipient.
- Application forms must be returned to the PPS Youth Market Specialist via email or on campus.
- The student must have an academic average of at least 60%.
- The application criteria is determined entirely at PPS’ discretion and PPS reserves the right to change the criteria at any time without prior notice to applicants. PPS also reserves the right to withdraw its financial aid to successful applicants should it be found at any time that an applicant does not (or no longer) meet the application criteria or the applicant has breached any of the terms and conditions in any way.

Supporting documents to attach with the application form

- Certified copies of all available examination results, including the most recent (June) or progress report
- Declaration of own and/or family’s financial position (copy of affidavit)
- Statements of student account confirming no outstanding fees for the current or previous years
- Certified copy of ID / Passport

Value of award:

The PPS Dean bursary only covers tuition and text book costs to the maximum amount of budget as specified by PPS, for one academic year – payable for 1 or more students within a specific faculty at the discretion of the dean.

Closing date:

Usually October

Successful applicants will be notified by November.

Apply to:

PPS Graduate Marketing Specialist Ms Selma Kruger skruger@pps.co.za
Protein Research Foundation Postgraduate Research Scholarships

The objective of the PRF Postgraduate Research Scholarships is to provide deserving students with the opportunity to obtain a Master’s degree that will enable them to make a contribution to high quality scientific research in the supply or utilization of protein in animal nutrition, or both. The subject of study for the Master’s degree must fall within the broad framework of the mission, vision and goals of the PRF. Doctoral scholarships will also be considered if the subject of study is deemed to be of a high priority to the PRF.

Applicants must be:
- Citizens of the Republic of South Africa who have qualified for admission to a Master’s or PhD at a recognised tertiary institution.
- The scholarship is awarded on merit, and in the case of a PhD, according to the requirements of the PRF for the specific study.

What does it cover?
- Scholarship allocations for succeeding years will be paid upon receipt of documentation from the academic supervisor that satisfactory progress was made during the previous academic year, as well as proof of reregistration of the candidate by the university.

Closing date:
Usually September

Apply to:
Candidates should submit PRF scholarship applications to the Postgraduate School Office.

Further details and application forms are available at:

The Secretary
Protein Research Foundation
P.O. Box 1564
Rivonia 2128
Telephone: 011-803 2579 or 011-803 1894
E-Mail: maria@proteinresearch.net
Renewable & Sustainable Energy Scholarships Programme

The primary focus is to provide scholarship grants at masters and doctoral levels focusing on research studies that will support and facilitate the shift towards a sustainable energy sector.

Areas of support
- The grants are offered to candidates that are focusing on the following focus areas:
  - Cleaner fossil fuel development, including clean coal technologies;
  - Renewable energy (bio-energy including bio-fuels, solar energy, wind energy, etc.);
  - Energy impact on the environment;
  - Energy for socio-economic development;
  - Energy system planning and modelling; and
  - Energy policy research.

Who can apply?
- Scholarships are open to Master’s and Doctoral candidates who are South African citizens and/or Permanent Residents.
- Scholarships are available to university graduates with degrees in Engineering, Natural Science, Agri-Science, Management Science, Law, Economics, and other related and relevant disciplines.
- The relevant qualifications for eligibility are: BSc Hons, BSc Eng, BEng or M.Tech for Master’s and MSc or MSc Eng for Doctoral degrees.
- Scholarships are available for successful candidates studying on a full-time basis in the field of Renewable and Sustainable Energy.

Value of the Award
- Masters Scholarships R 85 000 p.a
- Doctoral Scholarships R 100 000 p.a

Closing date:
- Usually August

Apply to:
- Applications must be submitted through an online application process to the National Research Foundation (NRF) by accessing the link: https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/
Southern African Systems Analysis Centre (SASAC) call for the Doctoral Scholarships for Research using a Systems Analysis Methodology

The aim of the SASAC PhD programme is to provide an opportunity for excellent young doctoral students to advance their research under the direct supervision of senior scientists from South African research institutions and IIASA, and at the same time contribute to IIASA’s ongoing scientific agenda and to the DST’s strategic research agenda as documented in the ‘Grand Challenges’.

The SASAC PhD curriculum will provide young and emerging researchers with the following benefits:

- A three-year bursary for South African PhD students based at South African universities.
- A two-month capacity development intervention targeted during the early stage of their PhD studies.
- Supervision by experienced South African and IIASA scientists, as well as contributing to collaborative research by the supervising senior scientists.
- Broadening their research into interdisciplinary and trans-boundary research relevant to national, regional, and global needs.
- Opportunities for research publications in internationally accredited/recognised scientific journals in collaboration with IIASA and senior South African scientists.
- Exposure to international research through engagements with national and international experts participating in the programme and seminar series.
- Exposure to local, national, regional and international research programmes.
- Opportunities to build long-lasting collaborative contacts with the senior supervisors and with other programme participants.

The eligibility criteria for these bursaries are as follows:

- Supervisors must apply on behalf of their students;
- Students must be eligible to be admitted for PhD-level studies;
- Currently registered PhD students who are in the first six months of a PhD programme, will be considered;
- The students must have the ability to work independently and to interact with other scientists;
- The supervisor and students must have the willingness to participate in a range of interdisciplinary scientific activities including: (i) for students: participation in the 2-month and subsequent 3-week programmes; (ii) for supervisors: participation (for at least 7 days) in the respective 2-month, and 3-week programmes;
- The PhD students must be committed to completing their PhD. They must also submit a manuscript to an international scientific journal within the period of support of the bursaries;
- Priority will be given to candidates from previously disadvantaged backgrounds;
- 10 bursaries of R180 000 per year for three years will be awarded. Universities can supplement these bursaries through own funds, within the applicable framework.

Closing date:
Usually December
Apply to:
Supervisors should submit applications electronically on the NRF Online Submission System at https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za.
The Skye Foundation Scholarships

Who can apply?

- South African Citizens or Permanent Residents who are under the age of 30.
- The Awards are tenable at South African universities with a proven record of quality research in the relevant field or, at any recognised institutions of higher learning anywhere in the world.
- Skye scholarships are awarded on the basis of outstanding academic achievement in any discipline and they are therefore awarded only to candidates of exceptional merit who have distinguished themselves academically in their first or subsequent degrees and are likely, in the opinion of Trustees and their peers, to continue to achieve at a high level.
- The Trustees will generally only consider candidates who have been nominated by Deans of faculties and supported by academic leaders in their discipline.

Value of the Award

Awards are generous and may, depending on circumstances, be sufficient to cover tuition fees, living expenses, travel and other costs.

Deans wishing to make a nomination should do so in writing and provide the following additional documentation:

- The candidate’s full curriculum vitae
- Letters of support from at least two faculty members or leaders in the relevant academic discipline
- Full details of the course of study to be followed, including a motivation for the choice of institution, name and contact details of the supervisor (if applicable), duration of course and copies of the letters of acceptance by the university and college (if applicable)
- Details of costs of tuition, living and other expenses.
- The candidate’s e-mail, postal and home address and telephone numbers
- Full academic transcript.

Closing date:

Usually January

Apply to:

Dr Neville Passmore, Deputy Chairman, Skye Foundation,
PO Box 21723, 8008 Kloof Street. Cape Town and simultaneously e-mailed to Skye Foundation at skyefd@iafrica.com
Who can apply?
SAMRO offer of bursaries for music students. These Bursaries constitute the most substantial awards in music study in South Africa and are open to citizens of all the countries within SAMRO’s territory of operation: South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland. The bursaries are available to students registered for full-time study at a South African university.

The bursaries are awarded in the following genres:
- Music Education OR Community Music Study (R10 000 each) available to students majoring in these specialized courses in their 3rd and 4th years
- Music Technology (R10 000 each) available to students majoring in music technology in their 3rd and 4th years
- Performance Study: Western Art or Jazz Popular or African Indigenous Music genres (R10 000 each) available to students majoring in performance study in their 3rd and 4th years
- Composition Study (R10 000 each) available to students majoring in music composition in their 3rd, 4th and postgraduate years,
- Indigenous African Music Research (R10 000 each) for postgraduate research students at Honours, Masters or Doctoral level

Closing date:
Usually March

Apply to:
Applications must be submitted through an online application process to the SAMRO music bursary by accessing the link:

Further details are available at:
SAMRO Foundation
P O Box 31609, Braamfontein 2017
Tel: (011) 712 8417
naseema.yusuf@samro.org.za
www.samrofoundation.org.za
The Association of South African Women in Science and Engineering

Each year SAWISE awards the Angus Scholarship

Who can apply?

- A sub-Saharan black female
- Must have achieved 70% or above grade average in her subject of study.
- Only for studies at Honours level (or 4th year equivalent e.g. in engineering)
- In any field of science and engineering.
- South African applicants will be given preference.

Supporting documents to attach with the application form:

- Completed application form
- Curriculum vitae
- An official academic transcript for all years completed (record)
- Letter of motivation (~350 words)
- Certified copy of your ID

Closing date:

Usually November annually

Apply to:

Applications must be submitted through an online application process to the www.sawise.org.za/scholarships, and email electronic copies to sawise.scholarships@gmail.com

Enquiries only: Email sawise.scholarships@gmail.com
South African Square Kilometre Array Project Honours

Students who wish to study towards a Bachelor of Science, Honours degree at a South African university and who majored in Physics and Mathematics at undergraduate level.

Who can apply?
- South African citizens only.
- Students who have achieved a minimum C in Mathematics and Science in Grade 12, or a minimum 60% for major subjects at undergraduate level.
- Students who intend to pursue postgraduate research in radio astronomy, or in an engineering discipline relevant to radio astronomy.

Closing date:
Usually September

Apply to:
Applications must be submitted through an online application process to the National Research Foundation (NRF) by accessing the link: https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/
South African Square Kilometre Array Project
Postgraduate Bursary Programme

The objective of the SA SKA Project is to provide sufficient numbers of Scientists and Engineers to participate in the design and construction of the MeerKAT and the SKA, and in the use telescopes once operational. The intention is also to further develop a vibrant South African astronomy research and teaching community. Engineering and methodology projects should have direct relevance to the technologies and techniques used by MeerKAT and SKA, and science projects should be based on observational radio astronomy topics that have clear link to MeerKAT and SKA science (using data from existing archives, especially KAT-7 and the science verification observations with MeerKAT and new observations using current operating observatories). Projects based on simulations that have direct relevance to supporting MeerKAT/SKA observational science will be considered if well motivated.

Who can apply?

- South African citizens, and/or Permanent Residents of South Africa, who wish to complete a PhD or MSc degree at a South African university.
- Non-South Africans from other countries in Africa, who wish to complete a PhD or MSc degree at a South African university.
- Non-South Africans from other countries in Africa, who wish to complete PhD or MSc degree at a university in an SKA SA partner country (Namibia, Zambia, Botswana, Mozambique, Madagascar, Mauritius, Kenya and Ghana).

Closing date:
Usually September

Apply to:
Applications must be submitted through an online application process to the National Research Foundation (NRF) by accessing the link: https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/
Stiglingh Memorial Bursary

The PSA annually awards study bursaries (minimum of R3 000 each to a maximum of R10 000 depending on availability of funds) to public servants and/or PSA members and their dependent children, who have been employed in the Public Service or have been a PSA member for at least twelve months on the closing date of the year in which a bursary is applied for.

Bursaries are awarded in respect of undergraduate or post-graduate studies part-time or full-time in Natural Sciences or Medicine, or for research on Natural Sciences or Medicine at a recognised South African University or abroad after successful completion of the first study year course or research project.

The number of bursaries is determined annually according to available funds and the number of qualifying applicants. Preference will, however, be given to PSA members and their dependent children.

Supporting documents to attach with the application form:
- Letter of application
- Full CV of applicant
- Certified copies of academic record
- Applicants must, where applicable, submit the necessary proof of membership of the PSA together with the application

Closing date:
Application forms are available from universities: **15 October**

Universities submit the applications from candidates as soon as possible after the closing date, but not later than **15 February** of each year to the PSA in order of preference.
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Abe Bailey Travel Bursary

The objective is to broaden the views of young South Africans by enabling outstanding students / Junior Lecturers who show exceptional leadership qualities and a strong service ethic, through an all-expenses-paid three week educational tour to the United Kingdom.

Furthermore, the intention of this bursary is to:

- Effect greater understanding and co-operation among those with various language and cultural backgrounds;
- Foster enterprise, commitment and effective participation in a common future;
- Promote a sense of unity among South Africans.

The credo of the Abe Bailey Trust: “Leadership Development with the emphasis on Nation Building”

The following conditions apply:

- Nominees shall be third year students and above or members of the university staff of Junior Lecturers’ status;
- Must be of South African nationality and have a valid South African Passport;
- Must be aged 25 or less at the start of the tour;
- Should have a sound academic record;
- Must have been involved in leadership roles within the university, schools and/or community;
- Will be subjected to a selection process.

Should the candidate meet the criteria and wish to apply for this prestigious bursary, the following details must be submitted to the Postgraduate School:

- A personal letter of motivation as to why you are applying for the bursary.
- A current CV.
- Three letters of reference, none older than three years.
- Copies of ID, Matric Certificate and University academic record.
- Copies of school and university merit/achievement certificates (limited to five)
- Details of leadership roles in the community, at school and at university.

Closing date:

Usually April annually.
African Network of Earth Science Institutions (ANESI) 
Student Exchange Programme

In the framework of the Earth Science Education Initiative in Africa, UNESCO has facilitated the setting up the African Network of Earth Science Institutions (ANESI) to promote high quality research and training through collaboration and partnership among Earth science institutions. The Student Exchange Programme is one of the core capacity building activities with the objective to increase the mobility of students in Africa. This call targets Young Earth science postgraduate students (MSc and PhD) willing to participate in a specific course or to use a research facility in another African institution; and African Earth science institutions willing to host students from other African countries for a specific course. The exchange program duration is minimum two weeks and maximum one month.

To apply, the candidates should:
- Be a citizen of an African country;
- Be a current MSc or PhD student in an African institution;
- Be endorsed by the home institution
- Have identified the host institution

Required documents (to accompany the application form):
- A detailed proposal describing the activity to be undertaken and explaining how the programme will help advancing his/her research (5 pages maximum)
- A formal endorsement by the home institution
- A formal approval of the host institution

What does it cover?
- A maximum of 1,500 USD/student if a student is applying or maximum 6000 USD/institution (four students) if an institution is applying. The grant will cover the travel and subsistence costs.
- In cases where the travel is for laboratory analysis, ANESI may cover some additional costs (not exceeding 1,000 USD) after evaluating the proposal, though ANESI encourages host institutions to share these costs.

Closing date:
Usually June

Apply to:
Peter Manyara, UNESCO Nairobi <p.manyara@unesco.org>
African Network of Earth Science Institutions (ANESI) visiting Fellowship for Outstanding Women Geoscientists

In the framework of the Earth Science Education Initiative in Africa, UNESCO has facilitated the setting up the African Network of Earth Science Institutions (ANESI) to promote high quality research and training through collaboration and partnership among Earth science institutions. The Visiting Fellowship for Outstanding Women Geoscientists is one of the core capacity building activities with the objective to improve the involvement of women in post-graduate studies. The objective of this programme is to attract best performing female students to pursue post-graduate education and career in Earth sciences. The programme will support exposure visits to a research environment (facilities, institutions, programs, etc.). This call targets institutions willing to: encourage their best performing young MSc graduate females to pursue PhD programmes; and support their best performing ongoing PhD female students. The Visiting Fellowship for Outstanding Women Geoscientists duration is two months.

What does it cover?
A maximum grant of 2500 USD/fellow will cover the travel and subsistence costs.

Closing date:
Usually June

Apply to:
Peter Manyara, UNESCO Nairobi <p.manyara@unesco.org>

Required documents (to accompany the application form):
- A detailed proposal describing the activity to be undertaken and explaining how the programme will help advancing his/her research (5 pages maximum);
- A letter of nomination;
- A details of the host institution in Africa including its formal approval;
- A workplan toward completion of the PhD.
Chevening / Canon Collins Scholarships for UK Masters

Canon Collins Trust works with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) to jointly select and fund a number of scholars on the Chevening Programme each year. These scholarships are for one-year taught Masters degrees at any UK university. Chevening is a merit-based, open national competition and makes awards to talented individuals who demonstrate the potential to become future leaders, decision-makers and opinion formers. Chevening Scholarships are awarded across a wide range of fields; including politics, government, business, the media, the environment, civil society, religion, and academia.

To apply, the candidates should:

- Be a national of South Africa; and intend to return there for a minimum of two years after your Chevening Award has finished.
- Hold a degree that is equivalent to or higher than an upper-second class (2:1) honours degree in the UK before applying.
- Have completed at least two years’ work experience before applying. This can include voluntary work and paid or unpaid internships.
- Meet the Chevening English language requirement by 15 July.
- Apply to three different eligible UK university courses (unless otherwise specified in your award category) and receive at least one unconditional offer for one of the three courses by July 2016.
- Have at least two referees.
- Not hold British citizenship or dual British citizenship, unless you are a citizen of a British Overseas Territory or hold BN (O) and are applying from Hong Kong.
- Not have previously studied in the UK under a UK government-funded scholarship.
- Not be an employee, relative of employee, or former employee (since July 2012) of Her Majesty’s Government (including British Embassies/High Commissions, the Department for International Development, the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, UK Trade and Investment, the Ministry of Defence and the Home Office), the British Council, a partner, a sponsoring UK university, or a staff member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities.

Candidates will need to demonstrate that they:

- Have the personal, intellectual and interpersonal qualities necessary for leadership;
- Are motivated to develop their career in order to establish a position of leadership within 10 years after the Scholarship;
- Have a clear post-Scholarship plan, outlining career objectives and how to achieve them;
- Are committed to networking to find global solutions;
- Are committed to networking within the Chevening community, via online engagement and attending Chevening events in the UK and engaging with the alumni network in their home country;
- Are able to use their studies and experience in the UK to benefit themselves, their countries and the UK;
- Are capable of successfully undertaking and completing their proposed course of study in the UK.

What does it cover?

- Tuition fees
- All costs associated with the programme;
- Economy travel to and from country of residence to the UK;
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- accommodation;
- A monthly personal living allowance (stipend) to cover other living expense for the candidate only;
- The costs of an entry clearance (student visitor visa) application.

Closing date:
Usually November annually

Apply to:
Complete and submit an online application form: http://www.chevening.org/apply/application_form
Commonwealth scholarships for developing countries

The Commonwealth Scholarship are for students from developing Commonwealth countries for Master’s (one-year), PhD, and split-site PhD study in the UK, on behalf of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission.

To apply, the candidates should:
- Be Commonwealth citizens, refugees, or British protected persons
- Be permanent resident in a developing Commonwealth country
- Be available to commence their academic studies in the United Kingdom by the start of the UK academic year in September/October
- Hold, by October, a first degree of upper second class Honours standard (or above); or a second class degree and a relevant postgraduate qualification, which will normally be a Master’s degree.

Duration of award(s):
- 12 months’ support towards completion of a full-time taught postgraduate qualification at an eligible UK institution. The Commission offers awards for one-year Master’s programmes only, and does not fund MBAs
- Up to 36 months’ support towards completion of a full-time doctoral postgraduate qualification at an eligible UK institution.

What does it cover?
- A personal maintenance allowance at the rate of £977 per month (£1,208 per month for those studying at institutions in the London Metropolitan area) – rates quoted at 2014–2015 levels
- A grant towards the expenses of preparing a thesis or dissertation, where applicable
- An initial arrival allowance, including visa reimbursement where applicable
- A grant for expenses for approved study travel within the United Kingdom or overseas
- A contribution towards fieldwork costs for those Scholars undertaking doctoral studies for whom a case has been made for fieldwork outside the United Kingdom. This shall not normally exceed one economy class return airfare to the fieldwork location.
- A paid mid-term fare to their home country for Scholars on three year doctoral awards. Scholars for whom fieldwork fares are provided to their home country shall not be entitled to a mid-term fare home, nor Scholars who have claimed (or intend to claim) spouse or child allowances for more than 12 months during their award.
- For Scholars selected by the Commission for awards exceeding 18 months, a spouse allowance of £220 per month is payable provided that the Scholar and spouse are residing together at the same address in the United Kingdom. It is not paid when the spouse is also in receipt of an award. For Scholars accompanied by their spouse and children, a child allowance is payable at the rate of £138 per month for the first child, and £108 per month for the second and third child under the age of 16, provided they are residing with their parents. The Commission’s spouse and family allowances represent only a contribution towards the costs of family maintenance in the United Kingdom.
UK and Scholars should expect and be able to supplement these allowances to support family members who choose to come to the UK. Irrespective of the length of the award, a Scholar who is widowed, divorced or a lone parent will receive an allowance in respect of the first accompanying child and child allowances for the second and third accompanying children.

Applications are considered according to the following selection criteria:

- Academic merit.
- The quality of the proposal.
- The likely impact of the work on the development of the candidate’s home country.

**Closing date:**
Usually October annually.

**Apply to:**
All applications must be made through universities.
Canon Collins Scholarships for Masters Study in the UK

Canon Collins Trust offers scholarships to support taught Masters degree programmes at certain UK universities.

School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (SOAS)
- Be a national of, and normally resident in, one of the following countries: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.
- Be in possession of a good Honours degree (minimum second class, upper division or equivalent) or about to graduate in the year of application.
- Be applying for a full-time one-year taught Masters course in any subject.
- Have at least 2 years work experience in a relevant field.

University of Sussex
- Be a national of, and normally resident in, one of the following countries: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.
- Be in possession of a good Honours degree (minimum second class, upper division or equivalent) or about to graduate in the year of application.
- Be applying for a full-time one-year taught Masters course in any subject.
- Have at least 2 years work experience in a relevant field.

University of Oxford
- Be a national of, and normally resident in, one of the following countries: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.
- Be in possession of a good Honours degree (minimum second class, upper division or equivalent) or about to graduate in the year of application.
- Be applying for the MSc in African Studies at the University of Oxford.
- Have at least 2 years work experience in a relevant field.

Queen Mary, University of London (The Simon and Deirdre Gaskell Scholarship at Queen Mary)
- Be a national of, and normally resident in, one of the following countries: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.
- Be in possession of a good Honours degree (minimum second class, upper division or equivalent) or about to graduate in the year of application.
- Be applying for the MSc in Global Public Health and Policy
- Have at least 2 years work experience in a relevant field.

University of Cambridge (The Canon Collins – Tiso Foundation Cambridge Scholarship)
- Be a national of and resident in South Africa
- Be Black (inclusive of African, Coloured and Indian, as per the Employment Equity Act of South Africa).
Have applied for one of the one-year taught Master’s degrees (MPhil), at the University of Cambridge.

Be in possession of a good Honours degree (minimum second class, upper division or equivalent) or about to graduate in the year of application

What does it cover?
- Full tuition fees,
- A monthly stipend,
- A return economy flight,
- A settling-in allowance and other support whilst in the UK.

Required documents (to accompany the application form):
- Certified copy of undergraduate degree certificate, if available
- Certified academic transcripts
- Reference letters from two referees
- ID document (The following are acceptable: Passport, Birth Certificate, Driver’s License)
- Proof of refugee status, if applicable.

Closing date:
Usually February

Apply to:
Apply through the Commonwealth Electronic Application System (EAS), at: http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/eas/applicants/scholarships/
Embassy of France in South Africa Masters Bursaries

The French Embassy invites South African students who wish to continue their tertiary education at Masters Level in France.

The programme forms part of the commitment between France and South Africa to establish fruitful partnerships between their universities while building a vast network of academic and professional contacts.

Requirements for eligibility:

- The duration of the grant is one year, once renewable should the student elect to continue with the Master 2 programme.
- Students can either apply for the first year of a Master’s degree (M1) or, if they have an honours degree, the university may admit the student into the second year of a Master’s degree (M2) in order to complete their degree after one year. The duration of the grant is therefore one year, once renewable should a student originally admitted in M1 continue with the M2 programme.

Who can apply?

- Citizenship of South Africa or Lesotho only (temporary or permanent residency excluded).
- Bachelor’s or Honour’s degree (depending on academic year the student is enrolling for), completed or to be completed by the time the student would depart for France. (Minimum requirement is at least a B-degree, i.e. B.Tech, B.A, B.Com, BSc, etc.)
- At least three selected French institutions of the candidate’s choice. Students should apply for admission to these universities concurrently to the bursary application (if you have not been accepted at an institution yet). You may contact Campus France to assist you with this process, but it remains the student’s responsibility to contact and apply on time to universities.

Applications from all academic disciplines will be considered. However, different application requirements and procedures may apply for the following fields. It is advisable that you contact the relevant person before submitting your application: French Language Practice (i.e. translation, interpreting or French language teaching): Mr. Damien Guyard, Attaché for French Language Cooperation (damien.guyard@diplomatie.gouv.fr). Social and Political Sciences (i.e. Political Science, International Relations, Sociology, Public Administration, Governance, Peace and Security, Conflict Resolution, etc.): Ms Johanna Stilo, Programme Officer for SAFe Think programme (johanna.stilo@diplomatie.gouv.fr).

No knowledge of French language required, depending on the availability of English programs in the student’s field and the study program applied for.

Required documents (to accompany the application form):

- Students are expected to submit the following in PDF only (Jpeg, Word, or any other format will not be accepted). You are thus expected to e-mail a maximum of 6 attachments, clearly marked (i.e. Name Surname CV):
  - Fully completed and signed application form (please print out the pdf form, fill in neatly by hand, sign and scan).
  - Motivation letter (no longer than two pages).
  - Curriculum vitae (no longer than two pages).
  - Copy of South African or Lesotho passport only (No ID, driver’s licence, etc. required. If the student does not yet have a passport, a copy of their identity document may be submitted).
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- Copy of all degree certificates and academic transcripts, chronological according to date of completion (both for complete and incomplete qualifications).
- Acceptance letter from university in France (if you have already been accepted) or written proof (i.e. confirmation e-mail) that you have commenced the application process to at least two universities.

Selection criteria:
- Academic achievement
- Motivation
- Coherence of application – the structure and content of the motivation letter, as reflected in the student’s academic, professional and personal objectives, choice of institution, etc.
- Previous practical activities or experience in the relevant academic or professional field.

What does it cover?
- Visa expenses
- Round-trip flight tickets
- Social and medical insurance
- Tuition fees (up to a limited amount)
- A monthly stipend to towards living cost (partial funding may also be granted).
- Annual study fees
- Health insurance

Closing date:
Usually March

Apply to:
Applications are to be submitted via e-mail only, to pretoria.bourses@campusfrance.org
Embassy of France in South Africa PhD and Research Grants

The French Embassy bursary programme is currently proposing grants to facilitate international academic and scientific mobility for South African researchers towards French institutions of higher education.

The programme offers the opportunity for doctoral students to integrate into establishments in France for specified periods of time in order to participate in a collaborative research project as part of their doctoral thesis programme.

Requirements for eligibility:
Applicants must hold a Master’s degree or its equivalent for the research program. The duration of the grant is 3 – 6 months per year with the option of renewing the next 2 years.

What does it cover?
- Visa expenses
- Social and medical insurance
- Round-trip flight ticket and
- A monthly stipend for living expenses.

Required documents (to accompany the application form):
- Motivational letter (1 page)
- Outline of research programme (1 page)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Photocopy of Passport
- Supporting letter from supervisor in South Africa
- Supporting letter from supervisor in France

Closing date:
There is no deadline for applications, and students are invited to apply throughout the year. It is however advised that students apply early in the year due to limited available funding.

Apply to:
pretoria@campusfrance.org
Erasmus Mundus EU-SATURN Programme

The Erasmus Mundus EU-Saturn programme aims at the development of a comprehensive approach to internationalisation demands of South African universities as part of the current transformation processes in higher education in South Africa. The primary objective is to create a transparent, open-minded and transnational learning and research environment with a focus on improving South Africa’s educational infrastructure and human capital. EU-Saturn focuses on postgraduate (Master, PhD) and staff mobility with emphasis on excellence and training of future academics, high-level professionals and leaders in society with an international profile. Erasmus Mundus and EU-Saturn aim to promote and enhance cooperation between the partnership universities. Additionally, it will further the process of educational reform, curriculum development and international study recognition and involve new universities in the process. Particular emphasis will be placed on creating a better understanding among partners of the research cultures and the education of researchers in both Europe and South Africa.

Who can apply?

- South African nationality.
- You have not resided or carried out your main activity (studies, work, etc.) for more than a total of 12 months over the last five years in one of the European countries.
- You have not received an Erasmus Mundus scholarship for the same type of mobility in the past.
- You have sufficient knowledge of the language of instruction (most courses are taught in English).
- Identify with one of the two Target Groups:
  - Target Group 1: Any South African student, researcher or staff member that is registered at one of the EU-SATURN South African partner institutions at the time of submitting their application.
  - Target Group 2: Any South African student who is currently enrolled in an institution that is NOT a full EU-SATURN South African partner.

The field(s) of study covered are:


What does the Scholarship cover?

- A monthly grant of €1000 for Masters, €1500 for PhD and €2500 for staff.
- Return flights to Europe,
- Health and travel insurance.
- Tuition fee waiver

Required documents (to accompany the application form):

- Curriculum Vitae in English (preferably Euro-pass format)
- Scanned colour copy of Passport (bio-data page)
- Two recommendation letters in English
- Scanned copy of your last degree obtained
Transcript of Records

In case of master’s exchange mobility (6 months, or 10 months in case of 24 month programmes) proof of enrolment in a master’s program at a South African university

Research Plan (for PhD applicants)

In case of PhD and Staff mobility, you need a pre-acceptance letter from the EU host institution. This is mandatory for applicants to: University of Goettingen, University of Groningen, Uppsala University, Wroclaw University of Technology and Newcastle University.

Declaration of Honour that may be downloaded from the website

European Partner Universities

- Belgium (University of Ghent)
- Germany (Georg-August-University Göttingen)
- Poland (Wroclaw University of Technology)
- Spain (University of Valencia)
- Sweden (Uppsala University)
- The Netherlands (University of Groningen)
- England (Newcastle University)

Closing date:
Usually March

Apply to:
www.eusaturn.eu
FirstRand Laurie Dippenaar Scholarship for International Postgraduate Study

The FirstRand Laurie Dippenaar scholarship is available to South African citizen for postgraduate study outside South Africa in any discipline at the internationally recognized university of their choice. Excellence is the only criterion for selection.

Who is eligible?
- The successful candidate would have excelled academically in their chosen field of endeavour and would have been able to demonstrate: leadership qualities, strength of character, community involvement; and the potential to be a destiny changers in their chosen fields.
- There is no age limit, but, preference will be given to candidates under the age of 35.
- Candidates who are currently, or have been studying overseas, will not be considered for this scholarship.
- The successful candidates have to return to South Africa for at least 5 years after completing their studies.

Application documentation:
- Personal motivation letter
- Completed application form
- Letters of reference and confidentiality

Duration of award(s):
The scholarship is offered for a maximum of two years.

What does it cover?
The scholarship value is R630 000 p.a. for a maximum of two years

Closing date:
Usually 25 February

Apply to:
An application form will be available on www.firstrand.co.za. Please complete the form electronically, print it along with the required attachments and post it to FirstRand Laurie Dippenaar Scholarship, 4th Floor, 4 Merchant Place, 1 Fredman Drive, Sandton.

Or email to: firstrandpgscholarship@firstrand.co.za
FirstRand/Canon Collins scholarship to the University of Cambridge

The FirstRand Laurie Dippenaar scholarship is available to South African citizen to study a Masters’degree at the University of Cambridge. This scholarship is co-funded by Canon Collins, FirstRand Foundation and Clare Hall at the University of Cambridge, as part of its new Global Leaders scholarship programme.

Who is eligible?

- This scholarship is for South African citizens to study a Masters’degree at the University of Cambridge.
- Before applying for this scholarship applications for Cambridge should be submitted.
- Preference will be given to previously disadvantaged students.
- The scholarships will be awarded based on academic excellence, leadership ability, community involvement and the candidate’s potential to be a destiny changer.
- Candidates who are currently, or have been studying overseas, are not eligible.

Duration of award(s):

The scholarship is offered for a maximum of two years.

What does it cover?

Full funding will be provided for the year at Cambridge.

Closing date:

Usually February.

Apply to:

An application form will be available on www.firstrand.co.za. Please complete the form electronically, print it along with the required attachments and post it to FirstRand Laurie Dippenaar Scholarship, 4th Floor, 4 Merchant Place, 1 Fredman Drive, Sandton.

Or email to: firstrandpgscholarship@firstrand.co.za
The Fulbright Program

The US Embassy in South Africa is offering Fulbright scholarship for South African students. The scholarships are available for pursuing postgraduate study at US universities or at other appropriate institutions in USA. Applications from students registered for doctoral degrees in South Africa who wish to pursue one-year of graduate study in the U.S. for non-degree purposes are also accepted.

Who is eligible?

- Applications are welcomed from students qualified to study towards a Master’s or PhD degree.
- Applications from students registered for Doctoral degrees in South Africa who wish to pursue one year of graduate study in the United States for non-degree purposes are also accepted.
- MBA and medical studies are not supported by this program.
- A Bachelor (Hons), B.Tech degree or an equivalent four-year university degree is required to qualify for Master’s studies, while a Master’s degree is required for Doctoral studies in the United States.
- Applicants who have received previous Fulbright student grants are not eligible. Applicants who have never travelled and/or studied in the United States will be given priority over those who have spent a considerable time in the United States and/or who have regularly travelled there.
- Applicants who have never studied outside South Africa will be given priority over those who have spent a considerable amount of time studying abroad.
- Applicants must be South African citizens and/or Permanent Residents of South Africa. Applicants holding U.S. citizenship or U.S. Permanent Residency are ineligible for Fulbright grants to the United States.

Application documentation:

- Certified transcripts: Study symbols of all years of university studies must be indicated.
- Scanned copies are accepted if application is submitted via e-mail. Originals must be brought if the candidate is selected for an interview.
- Four academic letters of reference to be completed on the required form and must be emailed as an attachment to the referee’s letters.
- Reference letters must be forwarded directly by the referees to the U.S. Embassy in order to ensure their confidentiality.

The reference letters should be saved as REFERENCE_ApplicantName_NameofReferee.pdf. Failure to follow the naming conventions outlined here could result in delays or the rejection of your file.

Duration of award(s):

The Fulbright program provides funding for up to two years of study.

Closing date:

Usually April

Apply to:

Download Guidelines and Application Forms at: http://southafrica.usembassy.gov/postgrad

Completed application must be printed, signed and scanned along with all other required documentation (but not the confidential recommendations). Save the file as APPLICATION_ApplicantSurname_
ApplicantFirstName.pdf and e-mail it to: Fulbright_Program_SAfrica@state.gov.

If the candidates wish to send their applications by mail, they should use registered mail and send to: The Fulbright Program, U.S. Embassy, P.O. Box 9536, Pretoria 0001
Inspire Scholarship

INSPIRE is an Erasmus Mundus Action 2 project (with financial support granted by the European Commission) under the auspice of promoting innovation and entrepreneurship that grants scholarships to South African students and researchers to undertake a full degree or an exchange in some of the best universities in Europe. The project also offers scholarships for European students and researchers who wish to go to South Africa for an exchange. Any student, researcher or staff of South African nationality can apply for one of the 74 scholarships.

Who is eligible?
- Be a national of South Africa or an EU member state;
- Have sufficient knowledge of the language of instruction;
- South African applicants can neither have lived nor developed their main activity (study, work, etc.) over more than 12 months, in the last 5 years, in an EU member state - not applicable to staff;
- Cannot have benefited in the past from an Erasmus Mundus scholarship for the same type of mobility - not applicable to staff;
- For an exchange mobility, the applicant has to be an enrolled student, researcher or full-time staff member;
- For a full degree, the applicant has to have obtained a relevant degree from a Higher Education Institution.

What does it cover?
- Monthly stipend from €1000-2500
- Travel to/from your city of origin;
- Tuition fees;
- Health insurance;
- Residence permit.

Closing date:
Usually March

Apply to:
www.inspiresouthafrica.eu.
Intra-ACP Mobility Bursaries

The Intra-ACP mobility scheme aims at a broad academic and cultural as well as geographically diverse exchange between higher education institutions in African countries, building on the results of the outcomes and recommendations of “Access to Success: Fostering Trust and Exchange between Europe and Africa (2008-2010)”. The overall objective is to promote high-quality education for students and young academics and to increase access to higher education in general. As far as Africa is concerned, the project aims at a broad academic, cultural and geographic exchange between HEIs on the continent.

The six broad thematic fields:
Agricultural Sciences (Agriculture),
Education, Teacher Training (Management and Education),
Engineering, Technology (Engineering),
Medical Sciences (Medicine),
Natural Sciences (Science and Technology subjects),
Communication and Information Sciences (ICT).

What does it cover?
The scholarship covers the following costs ONLY for the mobility period and NOT the duration of the study programme

MASTERS DEGREE
- Living costs (Euros 600 per month)
- Travel costs (1 return ticket from the port of departure)
- Participation costs (including tuition, registration)
- Insurance costs (medical, travel, accidental and injuries)

DOCTORAL DEGREE
- Living costs (Euros 900 per month)
- Travel costs (1 return ticket from the port of departure)
- Participation costs (including tuition, registration)
- Insurance costs (medical, travel, accidental and injuries)

Closing date:
Usually November

Apply to:

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The Kader Asmal Fellowships

The Embassy of Ireland in South Africa in partnership with Canon Collins Trust invites applications for scholarships for postgraduate study in Ireland.

The fellowship programme has two strands:

A) Eight annual awards for postgraduate study in:

1. Business Management
   - Economics, Accounting, and Human Resource Management
   - Management and Business

2. Agriculture, Food Science & Nutrition
   - Agriculture, Climate Change, Rural Development and Sustainability
   - Food Science and Food Engineering, Bioresource Technology

3. Public Administration
   - Economics, Accounting, and Human Resource Management
   - Public Health, Health Economics and Health Engineering

B) One annual award will be made for a fellowship in:

Human Rights Law (LLM in Law) at Trinity College Dublin. This will be selected by the Council for the Advancement of the South African Constitution (CASAC)

Who is eligible?

- A South African citizen or a citizen of Zimbabwe holding a South African Permanent Residency Permit
- Have achieved the necessary standard to be accepted onto a postgraduate course in an institute of higher education in Ireland
- Be seeking funding for a full-time postgraduate programme in one of the above listed subject areas

Please note applicants already in possession of a Master’s degree are not eligible.

Application documentation:

Certified copies of:

- ID document (the following are acceptable: Passport, Birth Certificate, and Driver’s License)
- Degree certificates
- Academic transcripts
- Academic reference letters from two referees. References must be on a letter head.
- A curriculum vitae

What does it cover?

- University application fees
- Tuition fees;
- Examination and other fees
- Economy travel to and from your country of residence to Ireland;
- Settling in allowance, book allowance and study allowance
- Accommodation;
- A monthly personal living allowance (stipend) to cover other living expense for you only and
The costs of an entry clearance (student visitor visa) application

Closing date:
Usually February

Apply to:
Applications can only be accepted online via the website of the Canon Collins Trust (www.canoncollins.org.uk). Applicants need not apply to the university before applying for a fellowship. Successful candidates need only apply to their chosen university once the award has been made. At that time any application fees will be paid by the Fellowship Programme.
The Louis Dreyfus-Weidenfeld Scholarships and Leadership Programme supports outstanding postgraduate students from transition and emerging economies throughout Africa, Asia and South America. The Louis Dreyfus Foundation aims to promote sustainable agriculture, food security and self-sufficiency, particularly through education and direct support to farmers, with a specific focus on emerging countries in the above-mentioned regions. One of the Foundation’s goals is to address the challenge facing humanity to double global food production in a sustainable way in order to feed a rapidly growing population.

Who is eligible?

- Exceptional graduate students and young professionals from emerging economies in Africa, Asia and South America with demonstrated leadership potential.
- You should be intending to return to your country of ordinary residence once your course is completed.
- Students currently at Oxford are not eligible to apply unless they are already Weidenfeld scholars.
- The Louis Dreyfus-Weidenfeld Scholarships and Leadership Programme targets future leaders pursuing diverse careers with a focus on improving food security and sustainability.
- Successful applicants must demonstrate an interest in serving the global community through their chosen field of work, including but not limited to, agriculture, health care, environmental and water management, economic, public and foreign policy.
- You should be able to demonstrate a connection between your subject of study and your longer-term career objectives, explaining how you see your professional work contributing to the improvement of public life in your country of origin or at a wider regional or international level.
- This scholarship seeks to support individuals who, following completion of their supported studies, will go on to actively engage in their chosen fields.
- This scholarship is not open to applications from candidates who hold deferred offers to start in 2016-17.
- If your scholarship is offered for a course lasting more than one year, the continuation of your scholarship each year is subject to an annual renewal process based upon satisfactory academic progress.

What does it cover?

100% of university and college fees and a grant covering living costs of £14,057

Closing date:
Usually January

Apply to:
Potential Scholars should note that they must apply and be admitted to an eligible graduate course at the University of Oxford in order to qualify for the Weidenfeld Scholarships Programme.
They should also be resident in one of a list of selected countries.
http://whtrust.org/scholarships/how-to-apply/
Mandela Scholarship Fund

This opportunity is for students who would like to study at Leiden University for one semester. The scholarship will be awarded for a maximum of five months.

Who can apply?
- Permanent residents of South Africa;
- Enrolled in at South African University;
- Accepted for a semester programme at Leiden University as an Exchange student or Study Abroad student;
- Motivated to upgrade or extend their knowledge in order to make a contribution towards the development of South Africa;
- Committed to return to South Africa after their study period at Leiden University.

Application documentation:
- Application form (in Word-Format) (including a letter of motivation);
- Admission letter for a Study Abroad or Exchange programme at Leiden University;
- Two original letters of recommendation (one of which should be from an academic staff member);
- A transcript of academic records;
- An up-to-date Curriculum vitae;
- Photocopy of a valid passport and any other passports, if you have dual nationality;
- Copy of the outcome of other scholarship/grant applications;
- Proof that you can support yourself financially, since the Mandela Scholarship Fund is not sufficient to cover all expenses. Proof can be: 1) a letter that states that you receive a student grant and the exact amount and duration of this grant 2) a recent bank statement in your own name that shows that you have sufficient financial means to support your study in The Netherlands 3) a notary statement declaring that your parents have sufficient financial means to support your study in The Netherlands.

What does it cover?
The scholarship amount differs for Exchange students and Study Abroad students:

Exchange students
- International travel costs: € 1000
- Living allowance: € 800 per month (for a maximum of five months)
- Insurance: will be sponsored by AON Student Insurance and arranged by the Scholarships Department of Leiden University.

Study Abroad Students
- Tuition fee: the actual fee
- International travel costs: € 1000
- Living allowance: € 800 per month (for a maximum of five months)
- Insurance: will be sponsored by AON Student Insurance and arranged by the Scholarships Department of Leiden University.

Closing date:
Usually April for programs starting in September
Usually October for programs starting in February

Apply to:
Application forms are available from http://prospectivestudents.leiden.edu/scholarships/scholarship/mandela-scholarship-fund.html
Newton Fund RCUK–NRF International PhD Partnering Scheme Call

Research Councils UK (RCUK) and the National Research Foundation of South Africa (NRF) are pleased to invite applications to the Newton Fund RCUK–NRF International PhD Partnering Scheme.

The main objectives of this call are to:
- Facilitate the development of sustainable institutional links between UK Institutions and emerging centres of research internationally.
- Foster the development of an international cohort of researchers with the skills, links and contacts to operate in the global research environment;
- Support the development of research capacity in identified research performing nations through the development of international training and development activities;
- Learn from different approaches in partner countries and access facilities, communities and environments of interest/benefit to the student research programme;
- Encourage and foster the development of intellectual and joint training networks to foster long-term sustainable research collaboration addressing issues of global concern and with a strong potential for international impact;
- Establish the UK as a long-term partner of choice internationally, in particular with the new research performing nations.

Funding is available from both RCUK and NRF to support partnering activities between UK and South African Research Organisations at the PhD level. The overall indicative budget for RCUK is £1.8 million. There is no specific limit to the amount of funding requested on the RCUK side, although all costs must be justified. The NRF contribution will be a maximum of R900,000 per award. UK Research Organisations must hold a RCUK DTP/CDT/DTC award in all areas in which they are applying for funding. Awards will be made to support activities over a three-year period, with a minimum of 10 PhD placements being supported by each RO award holder. The duration of each placement is expected to be 3–6 months; with flexibility to split the placement into several shorter visits.

Application process

RCUK Newton PhD partnering activities proposals must be submitted by the UK RO partner using the Research Councils’ Joint Electronic Submission system (Je-S). Applicants will need to complete a joint Case for Support document, and separate Funding Justification pro-forma for each partner. The call will be open in Je-S from 8 June 2016 and Je-S guidance and forms will be published nearer this time. Applicants should leave enough time for their proposal to pass through their organisation’s Je-S submission route before 16:00 on 9 July 2016. Any applications received after this deadline will not be considered for funding.
New Zealand Development Scholarships for Postgraduate Study

The New Zealand Government provides New Zealand Development Scholarships (NZDS) through the New Zealand Aid Programme within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The scholarships are available to eligible African applicants and will cover air travel, full tuition fees, an establishment allowance, and a living allowance to cover day to day costs in New Zealand. The NZDS scheme aims to strengthen sustainable economic development in Africa by contributing to human resource development particularly in Agriculture development and Renewable energy.

Who can apply?
Applications are invited from nationals of Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Cameroon, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe to undertake short term postgraduate studies (Postgraduate Certificates, Diplomas or Masters Degrees) of up to one year, at Universities in New Zealand.

Application documentation:
- Please complete two (2) New Zealand Development Scholarship application forms and attach copies of current curriculum vitae, notarised/certified copies of university certificates, transcripts and three (3) reference letters, two (2) from academic referees and one work related, together with each application.
- All application forms must be completed in English and failure to do so will lead to automatic disqualification.
- All supporting documents must be translated into English by an accredited translator.
- A 500 word statement summary in English of reasons for wishing to undertake postgraduate training in New Zealand and how the postgraduate training being sought will benefit your country must also be provided.

Closing date:
Usually July.

Apply to:
Application forms are available from the New Zealand High Commission
New Zealand High Commission
Private Bag X27
Brooklyn Square
Pretoria, 0075
South Africa
Email: enquiries@nzhc.co.za
The National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa and the Department of Science and Technology (DST), in partnership with the World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), have partnered to pursue the goal of advancement of science in developing countries through the establishment of two Doctoral fellowships namely; the NRF – TWAS Doctoral Fellowships and the NRF – TWAS African Renaissance Doctoral Fellowships. TWAS is based in Italy and operates as a programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for the advancement of science in developing countries. The parties entered into a contractual agreement to support Doctoral fellows from Africa and developing countries who will be funded per annum for a maximum of three (3) years to pursue full-time research training in South Africa.

Areas of support
The successful candidates will undertake full-time Doctoral studies in South Africa and may be based at any South African public research institution including Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), Science Councils and National Research Facilities.

Applicants who wish to pursue research under a Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) disciplines will be supported through the fellowship.

Eligibility
The NRF-TWAS Doctoral Fellowship Funding Instrument is open to citizens and Permanent residents from developing countries outside Africa. The NRF-TWAS African Renaissance Doctoral Fellowship funding instrument is open to citizens and permanent residents from Africa except South Africa.

The following individuals are not eligible to apply for funding under either instrument:

- South African citizens;
- Foreign citizens who hold permanent residence permits of South Africa;
- Foreign citizens who are already resident in South Africa and hold temporary residence permits (this includes study permits);
- Citizens and permanent residents of any developed country
- Applicants must not be older than thirty five (35) years of age on or before 31 December of the year of application for the Doctoral fellowship;
- Applicants must hold a university degree that will fulfil the requirements for admission to Doctoral studies at a South African public university, which is generally a Master’s Degree;
- Visa and immigration laws of the applicant’s home country and South Africa must be met by applicant.

Application requirements
- Applicants must provide an official letter from their host South African institution, department or laboratory and motivation from the applicant’s host. It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact the respective institution to apply for acceptance;
- The research project must be registered and approved by the host institution (a letter of support from the prospective supervisor will suffice); and
- Preference will be given to applicants that meet the following requirements of the English Language Proficiency Academic test:
  - IELTS 6.5 (no band less than 6.0); or TOEFL (paper) 575 (TWE 4.5); or TOEFL iBT (min. 20); or Cambridge minimum 58. Information on the IELTS tests can be obtained from the British Council in home
country or accessed on: www.ielts.org. Further information on the TOEFL test can be accessed on: www.toefl.com. Consult the British Council in the home country for assistance.

Awarding principle
- Priority will be given to applicants from the 81 states endorsed by TWAS for priority in capacity development in Science and Technology;
- Priority will be given to female applicants and the target is to award 50% of fellowships to female fellows; and
- 50 fellows will be from countries in Africa; and 20 fellows will be from developing countries outside Africa in accordance with the two types of fellowships.

Conditions of award of the fellowship
- The fellowship shall be held as the primary funding for the Doctoral fellowship;
- Fellowships may not be held simultaneously with a fellowship from any other TWAS, South African government or NRF administered source;
- Doctoral fellows may not concurrently hold the fellowship with any full-time employment position;
- Doctoral fellows may hold non-binding supplementary grants or emoluments to the institutional capped value;
- Successful applicants will be required to give a written undertaking that s/he will return to their home country upon completion of the fellowship;
- All fellows will be required, to submit an exit report to the NRF - TWAS, upon completion of their Doctoral research, on their overall experience, achievements and outputs.
- Successful applicants must have all foreign qualifications (obtained from non-South Africa universities) evaluated by the South African Qualification Authority (SAQA). A SAQA evaluation certificate must be submitted with the application, if available. The applicant will nonetheless need to provide proof of SAQA accreditation before they can register at most South African institutions.
- Successful applicants will be required to meet the following requirements of the English Language Proficiency Academic test:
  - IELTS 6.5 (no band less than 6.0); or TOEFL (paper) 575 (TWE 4.5); or TOEFL iBT (min. 20); or Cambridge minimum 58. Information on the IELTS tests can be obtained from the British Council in home country or accessed on: www.ielts.org. Further information on the TOEFL test can be accessed on: www.toefl.com. Consult the British Council in the home country for assistance.

Value of award and funding period
- The NRF - TWAS African Renaissance Doctoral Fellowships will be granted for a duration of three (3) years renewable annually subject to satisfactory performance.
- The breakdown of the award will be as follows:

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The costs for the mobility of the fellow will include the following:
- Travel visa and study visa;
A single economy airfare for travel from the fellows’ home country to South Africa;

- A single economy airfare from South Africa to the fellow’s home country, upon completion of the Doctoral degree.

- Successful candidates are also eligible for a once-off travel grant of up to R25 000, for local travel, and up to R50 000, for international travel. The travel grants may be used to contribute towards the costs of attending local or international conferences; workshops; visiting a laboratory or; any other activity that supports the beneficiaries’ research training. This is the maximum amount permitted over the tenure of the fellowship. Fellows who wish to access the travel grant must complete a travel grant application form available on the NRF Online Submission System.

Responsibilities of fellows

The fellowship does not cover the following:

- All financial expenses of accompanying family members. Fellows must also ensure that accompanying family members have the correct documentation for entry and stay in South Africa; and

- Comprehensive medical insurance for the period of their stay to meet any untoward incidents and major ailments during travel and stay in South Africa.

Apply to:

Application to the NRF Applicants must apply for the NRF - TWAS Doctoral or Renaissance Doctoral Fellowship Call for 2016 by accessing the link: https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/on the NRF Online application system.
Rhodes Scholarships for Southern Africa at University of Oxford

The Rhodes Scholarships are postgraduate awards supporting outstanding all-round students at the University of Oxford, and providing transformative opportunities for exceptional individuals. Rhodes scholarship invite applications from outstanding young students who excel academically, demonstrate leadership, are committed to making a difference in the world, and have the energy to fulfil their ambitions.

There are:

- Four Scholarships every year for applicants from South Africa-at-Large,
- One for applicants from KwaZulu-Natal,
- One for applicants from Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia and Swaziland, and
- One each for applicants of or from Diocesan College, Rondebosch; South African College School, Newlands; Paul Roos Gymnasium, Stellenbosch; and St Andrew’s College, Grahamstown.

Requirements for eligibility:

- You must have a first degree by the time you start at Oxford, which means that you must be at least in the final year of your first degree when you apply for the Scholarship.
- Generally, applicants from South African universities will have had to do very well in their discipline. You will need to obtain a first class or a very strong upper second class degree.
- You must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of, and have resided for at least five years within the period of ten years immediately preceding your application, in South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia or Swaziland.
- You must have reached your 19th and not have passed your 25th birthday on 01 October 2016, which means you must have been born after 30 September 1991 and on or before 01 October 1997.
- For medical students and medical doctors the age limit is extended by three years. This means applicants must have been born after 30 September 1988 and on or before 1 October, 1997. The intention is to:
  - i. Avoid successful medical school applicants having to postpone taking up the Scholarship;
  - ii. Enable applicants to complete their medical internships before going to Oxford and to take up the Scholarship before completing their post-internship medical residency.
- If you are registered for an MBBCh or an MBChB degree you may apply during your internship, provided that you have not passed your 28th birthday on 1 October in the year after selection, i.e. the year you would start at Oxford.

Application documentation:

- A certified copy of your birth certificate, to show that you meet the age criterion;
- A certified copy of your school leaving certificate;
- Certified copies of your degree certificates;
- A certified official record of your academic results;
- Details of any employment or enterprise you have undertaken during your studies or thereafter;
- Curriculum vitae, showing details of what you have achieved: your high school career; your college or university career; your involvement in student or community affairs, cultural, sporting or
At least four of your referees should be university academics who have taught you and who can comment on your academic ability and how well they think you would fare at Oxford.

- Other referees can include teachers and other persons who are able to comment critically on whether you fulfil the requirements Rhodes set out in his Will. A good referee is one who knows you well, rather than a well-known person who only knows you superficially. It is not advisable to get close contemporaries or personal friends to be referees.

- A head-and-shoulder colour photograph (jpg format). Please note your photo will not be available to reviewers until after final shortlisting decisions have been made.

- If submitting a paper application (see 4b above), please remember that all documents you submit have to be photocopied, so do not bind, staple or clip them in a folder.

- CD-Rom and emailed applications will not be accepted.

Closing date:
Usually 15 August (annually)

Apply to:
The Secretary for the Scholarships, Mrs Annette Gibson, PO Box 41468, Craighall 2024, Tel +27 11 794 4693, Fax 086 606 2545, E-mail: Rhotrust@pixie.co.za

On-Line applications: http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/southern-africa
South African – French programme for Think Tanks Master Bursaries

The South African French Programme for Think Tanks (SAFe Think) scholarship programme supports exceptional students wishing to undertake a Master’s degree at a higher education institution in France.

Requirements for eligibility:
- Field of study in political or social sciences (international relations, sociology, public administration, peace and security, conflict studies)
- A citizen of South Africa or Lesotho. Unfortunately, temporary/permanent residents and candidates from other African countries cannot be considered.
- Must hold or are in the process of completing a Bachelor’s or Honour’s degree. The degree has to be completed by September 2015.
- Must have applied to at least 2 French universities and Master programmes. Should you be awarded a SAFeThink scholarship, you will need to provide your university admission letter by June 16 2015 – otherwise the scholarship offer will be withdrawn.

What does it cover?
- Annual tuition fees (up to 6000€/year)
- Round-trip flight ticket (South Africa – France)
- Health insurance
- Monthly stipend towards living expenses
- Schengen visa fees

Application documentation:
Please submit the following documents in 6 separate PDF attachments, clearly marked:
- i.e.: SURNAME Name motivation letter.pdf
- Fully completed and signed application form (please print out the pdf form, fill in neatly by hand, sign and scan).
- Motivation letter (1-2 pages)
- CV (1-2 pages)
- Copy of South African and Lesotho passport or ID
- Copy of all degree certificates and academic transcripts, chronological according to date of completion (in one pdf file)
- Acceptance letter from a university in France, or written proof that you applied to at least 2 universities
- A recommendation letter from one of partner think tanks

Closing date:
Usually March

Apply to:
E-mail: safethink@ambafrance-rsa.org
The South African French Programme for Think Tanks (SAFe Think) scholarship programme South African researchers in conducting joint projects with research institutes based in France. The programme was launched in 2010 by the French government in order to strengthen the connections between South African research institutes and their French counterparts and facilitating the integration of South African think tanks into French, European and francophone African scientific networks. The programme offers fellowships allowing successful applicants to undertake a joint research project in France of 4 to 10 weeks. SAFeThink targets researchers from all fields of human and social sciences. It is run by the Embassy of France in South Africa in cooperation with five South African think tanks.

Requirements for eligibility:

- Field of study in political or social sciences (international relations, sociology, public administration, peace and security, conflict studies) and your project relates to contemporary Africa. Priority will be given to comparative studies between South Africa and other African countries or France/Europe.
- Must hold or are in the process of completing a doctoral degree at a South African university and have a relevant publication record.
- A citizen of South Africa or Lesotho. Unfortunately, temporary/permanent residents and candidates from other African countries cannot be considered.
- You have selected 1 or 2 French partner institutions. The Embassy of France can assist you with selecting relevant host institutions in France.
- Your application has been endorsed by one of the Think Tanks partners.

What does it cover?

- Round-trip flight ticket (South Africa – France)
- Health insurance
- Monthly stipend towards living expenses
- Schengen visa fees

Closing date:
Applications can be submitted throughout the year. They have to be handed in at least 2 months before the envisioned date of departure for France.

Apply to:
E-mail: safethink@ambafrance-rsa.org
Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

Swiss Government, through the Federal Commission offers excellence scholarships to enable selected applicants to undertake a PhD in one of the 10 Swiss Public Universities, the two Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology and public teaching and research institutes.

Requirements for eligibility:
- The scholarship is only valid for full time PhD studies in Switzerland.
- The applicant must not be more than 35 years old at the moment of the application.
- Master degree or equivalent University degree recognized by the Swiss University.
- Applicants who are in Switzerland for more than 1 year at the beginning of the scholarship are not eligible.
- Applicants must provide a letter (e-mail) from a Professor from the Swiss host institution stating that he/she is willing to supervise the PhD. In the case where the PhD is run within a structured doctoral school applicants must provide included in their application an admission letter or the proof that they are being considered for admission. Without such a document the application will be rejected.
- Applicants must have a research proposal including a timeframe (this is the central piece of the application. The applicant must devote all required attention to it).
- Applicants must be in command of the necessary language skills required for the PhD studies.
- Applicants who have already benefited from a Swiss Government Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a second scholarship.

What does it cover?
- The scholarship amounts to a monthly payment of 1920 Swiss Francs.
- Exemption of the tuition fees (except for EPFL).
- Mandatory Swiss Health insurance paid by the FCS (for non-EU or EFTA grantees only).
- A lump sum for air fare for non-European grantees only (provided at the end of the scholarship).
- Special 300 Swiss Francs lodging allowance (paid once at the beginning of the scholarship).
- 1 year half-fare public transportation card.
- Counselling and various trips, dinners and sightseeing tours organized for Swiss Government Scholarship holders.

Swiss Universities, Federal Institutes of Technology and Teaching and Research Institutes
University of Basel, University of Bern, University of Fribourg, University of Geneva, University of Lausanne, University of Lucerne, University of Neuchâtel, University of St.Gallen, University of Zurich, University of Lugano, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ), Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (IDHEAP), Institut universitaire Kurt Bösch.

Application documentation:
- The FCS 2016-2017 official application form (typed and printed). No handwritten forms will be accepted.
Bursaries Awarded for International Study

- Copies of all university certificates and grade-sheets (all copies must be attested, and translated if originals are not in English, German, French or Italian. Attestations can be done by the University or a Government Officer.
- 2 letters of recommendation from Professors in the applicants field (use exclusively the official reference form provided with the application package)
- A complete research proposal (max. 5 pages), use exclusively the official research proposal form provided with the application package
- A motivation letter (max. 2 pages)
- A full curriculum vitae with list of academic publications
- A copy of the confirmation from a Professor at the intended Swiss University that he/she is willing to supervise the PhD studies.
- In the case where the PhD is run within a structured doctoral school, a copy of the PhD admission letter or a least a proof that the candidate is being considered for admission
- A health certificate (use exclusively the official health certificate provided with the application package)
- A copy of the passport (main page with personal data)

Closing date:
Usually 30 October

Apply to:
Questions and application documents, have to be submitted at the following address: Swiss Embassy in New Muckleneuk, 225 Veale Street, 0181 New Muckleneuk.
E-mail: pre.vertretung@eda.admin.ch
Tel: 027 12 452 06 60
Web: http://www.eda.admin.ch/pretoria
The Desmond Tutu Doctoral Training Programme (DTTP) was established in honour of Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu’s lifetime struggle against inequality and his quest for reconciliation. The National Research Foundation (NRF) and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VUA) entered into a partnership in 2009 to co-fund South African students carrying out doctoral studies in a Joint Degree (split-site) mode.

The format of the DTTP is a sandwich programme in which students will:
- Register and obtain their research doctoral degrees in the form of a Joint Degree between VU Amsterdam and a partner South African Higher Education Institution;
- Be jointly supervised by academic researchers at VUA and a South African Higher Education Institution; if required, complete required course work for doctoral studies both in South Africa and in the Netherlands;
- Spend between one (1) and two (2) months per year over a period of four (4) years at VU Amsterdam to undertake course and thesis related work, if necessary with an additional stay of six (6) months maximum in Amsterdam in the final year of their studies; and
- Carry out their research in South Africa, with a restricted amount of teaching obligations (where applicable) on the basis of an agreement between the NRF and the employing South African Higher Education Institution.

Eligibility criteria
Candidates must:
- Be in possession of a research Master’s degree, or be in the process of completing requirements for such a degree (which must be completed before the DTTP award can be taken up);
- Be South African citizens or permanent residents.
- An applicant may not concurrently hold a DTTP scholarship with another NRF scholarship or any other scholarship from a South African government source.
- The NRF scholarship should be held as the primary funding source in all cases of supplementary funding.
- Prior to the award of the scholarship the following must be confirmed by the institution:
- Supervisory capacity both at VUA and the SA partner institution;
- The availability of research running costs for the PhD candidate’s project.

Fields of study
The DTTP Joint Degree PhD training programme will have ‘Bridging Diversities for Academic Advancement’ as its overarching theme.

The following two themes will be key areas for research projects:
- Prosperous Societies:
  Research themes: food industry; HIV; identities; reconciliation; security; service delivery; development of high potentials; culture and communication; corporate social responsibility.
- Sustainable Energy:
Research themes: environment; sustainability; climate change; natural resource management; energy provision.

Priority will be given to the above-mentioned themes or any combination of themes, in such a way that ‘pockets’ of research will emerge. Applications from candidates intending to pursue doctoral studies in the following specific areas (linked to the themes outlined above) will be considered:

- Economics
- Theology
- Human Movement Sciences
- Social Sciences/Sport Sciences
- Medicine
- Earth & Life Sciences
- Health Sciences
- Law

Funding Breakdown

The VUA–NRF Desmond Tutu Training Programme provides funding for up to four (4) years of study, depending on satisfactory progress each year. The award will amount to the value of approximately R240 000 each year toward doctoral study costs in South Africa and Amsterdam. This amount will cover, among other things, flights to and from Amsterdam, accommodation, living costs, and a scholarship.

The DST-NRF component of the scholarship is R120 000 and will cover:

- A bursary to the value of R70 000 each year toward living costs (full-time scholars) or sabbatical costs (part-time scholars) in South Africa;
- Required visa and residence permit costs (R38 000);
- Course and tuition fees in South Africa (R12 000);
- Two economy return flights from South Africa to Amsterdam per year;
- A contribution toward doctoral dissertation defense costs.

The VUA component of the scholarship is approximately R120 000 and will cover:

- Accommodation and living allowance in Amsterdam (for two one-month visits each year);
- Course fees at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and;
- A contribution toward doctoral dissertation defense costs.

How to apply for funding

Applications must be submitted through an online application process to the National Research Foundation (NRF) by accessing the link: https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/
World Bank Robert S. McNamara Fellowships Program

The World Bank Robert S. McNamara Fellowship Program awards fellowship of up to $25,000 annually for developing country, PhD candidates to conduct innovative, development-related, doctoral research under the supervision of a research advisor at a host institution abroad. The aim of the Bank is to reach the best and brightest researchers and lecturers from the highest quality institutions among our country and region’s universities, research centers and relevant professional networks.

The focus areas should:
Be related to development at the Master’s level, in fields such as economics, health, education, agriculture, environment, natural resource management, or other development & related subject.

Requirements for eligibility:

- Your home country is a World Bank member developing country.
- You are not a dual citizen of a developed country or a country that is not a World Bank member.
- You are currently enrolled in a PhD program in a World Bank member country.
- You will have completed all coursework and exam requirements for your PhD at the time of application.
- You have a master’s degree or equivalent. If you do not have a master’s degree certificate you should have an official letter from your university (e.g. from your program director or admissions office) stating that your academic credentials are at a minimum equivalent to a person with a master’s degree.
- You are 35 years or younger as of February 11, 2016.
- You meet one of the following conditions:
  - You are enrolled in a PhD program in your home country, and not currently employed.
  - You are enrolled in a PhD program in your home country and are employed in your home country.
  - You are enrolled in a PhD program in a World Bank member country outside of your home country and are employed in your home country.
  - You are not an Executive Director (ED), ED’s alternate, staff, or consultant of the World Bank Group (the World Bank, International Finance Corporation, International Development Association, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, and International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes), and you do not have any relatives or in-laws who are employed by the World Bank Group in any capacity, including consulting.
  - You have not previously been the recipient of the World Bank Robert S. McNamara Fellowship.
  - You are accepted as a visiting scholar for a period of six to ten months by a university or research center in a World Bank member country other than your home country.
  - Your research proposal is endorsed by your PhD thesis supervisor and your host institution research advisor.
  - You can begin your fellowship between July and December, 2016.
  - You are able to complete your proposed fellowship research in 6 to 10 months.
  - You commit to working in your home country after completion of your PhD.
Duration of award(s): The purpose of the grant is to help fellows advance their Doctoral research work through a residency period of five to ten months in a host institution in a country other than their home country or country of residence.

What does it cover?
Up to US$25,000 for a 6-10 month period starting from July to December 2015 to travel to a host institution located in a World Bank member country to conduct development-related PhD research under the supervision of a research advisor.

Closing date:
Usually February

Apply to:
An application will be accepted and reviewed if the applicant submits only one completed application electronically through the on-line application site by the application deadline.

For details on eligibility and instructions on preparing an application, the Bank has asked to visit website at www.worldbank.org/scholarships
TESTIMONIES OF PREVIOUS SCHOLARSHIP Awardees
Ms Magteld Smith: Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship in collaboration with the Institute of International Education and sponsored by the U.S Department of State.

The programme gave me an opportunity to establish and form professional and academic networks which have become a solid foundation for all my future endeavours. The fellowship allowed me to participate in a multi-disciplinary expedition of the Hennepin County of Minnesota, under the leadership of the Director of the Department of Public Health, and thus to further my experience and knowledge about disability rehabilitation programs, health services, management and communication skills with specific focus on people with deafness. Opportunities were granted for making presentations to the Minnesota Officer of the Secretary of State, University of Minnesota in Minneapolis and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg to educate participants on the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) on the medical-social model of the World Health Organization (WHO) with specific focus on deafness.

Since arriving in the U.S, I have had the unrivalled opportunity to develop my career, gaining experience and knowledge, enhancing professional networks in the field of disability services in general and more specifically deafness, publication opportunities, and growth in my understanding of American policy and legislation as it pertains to my field. I have benefited in so many ways, attended classes, conferences, workshops, engaged in community projects, and have had experiences that were unexpected and riveting. I have learned an enormous amount including leadership skills, a number of new techniques in academic writing, and research methodologies in the health sciences. I have participated in all the activities offered by the HHH Programme and have a better understanding of politics in the US pertaining to education, health services, economic and social issues. Moreover, I have also learned a lot from my other fellow students regarding their views, habits, health services and situation in their countries.

A solid academic research foundation is laid where I will continue my research on genetic testing for congenital deafness, rehabilitation and habilitation programs for people with deafness, health services and the possible establishment of new disability legislation in South Africa.

Ruan Van Der Walt: Erasmus Mundus Action 2 Partnerships

The University of Antwerp, as the coordinating University for the Erasmus Mundus Action 2 Partnerships, awarded me a bursary on 25 May 2012 under the EUROSA (Europe and South Africa Partnership for Human Development) project, to spend an exchange semester at Masters level from September 2012 to January 2013 at the Karl-Franzens University in Graz, Austria. I am of the opinion that, although the teaching-learning environment and strategies were quite different from what I am used to at the UFS, the learning experience and the knowledge that I gained while in Graz was an invaluable experience which contributed immensely to my studies here at the UFS. Interactions with the local and other European exchange students, and the Styrian (the Bundesland where Graz is located) culture specifically, provided a very enriching and unique cultural experience. Unfortunately due to a very busy class schedule, I was not able to travel around as much as I had hoped, but I managed to travel across central Europe during the Christmas break – basically three weeks in December – and it was amazing to experience my first real white Christmas, along with all the Christmas markets on every corner and in every square. I had a great experience overall and would recommend an exchange semester in Europe to anyone.
Janine Correia: SANTRUST

The SANTRUST Ph.D. development programme had a multi-dimensional impact. It not only served as a think tank but also an idea factory. As a reflection, I noticed a process that matured my research proposal. Through the various sessions, I not only discovered the various facets of biostatistics, but also the value of project management related to my research. The latter emphasises the need for a thorough timescale and budget. Various variables to my research manifested through the discussions and led to further consultations with colleagues. In summary, I can profess the immense value both academically and personally.

Maria Phillips: SANTRUST

The exposure to national and international expert researchers amazed me by their willingness to contribute constructively to a study where they will not receive any reward for their contributions. These well-known academics treated us with respect and I realised that those who are great are very humble. I hope to have that in my life. I learned to progress my thinking to meta-cognitive levels and then integrate that into the real world. The week in each month we spent away from work, allowed me to focus and advance in writing my proposal. Every time I presented my revised proposal, I received quality, constructive feedback. The staff of SANTRUST are extremely efficient, friendly and always willing to help.

Ms Jarlen Beukes: Erasmus Mundus Scholarship Programme 2013/2014

I am very grateful for the Erasmus Mundus Scholarship Programme. It gave me the unique opportunity to spend an exchange semester at Masters level at the Karl-Franzens University in Graz (Austria) during the period 2013/2014. This research opportunity not only exposed me to a new research environment and international academics, but also allowed me to discover and experience different countries and cultures. It has indeed been a phenomenal experience. I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the NRF Internship Programme. I was an intern at the CT scanner facility at the Stellenbosch University from 1 April 2014 to 1 April 2015. During my internship I was fortunate to have been exposed to various projects from different fields of study. I appreciate the practical working experience I have gained at the facility as well the academic support from colleagues during my MSc study. Thank you NRF for the financial support in making this internship possible.

Mr Lehlohonolo Mofokeng: Mandela Rhodes Scholar 2015

The Mandela Rhodes Scholarship has had an impact in my life that only the legendary KPD Maphalla can best describe. This scholarship has confirmed my conviction that Afrika is blessed with abundant talent and for our continent to reclaim its glory we need selfless and visionary leaders who will inspire hope in our people.
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