Bursaries and Scholarships Guide for Postgraduate Students 2018

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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 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).

For more information contact Ms Nthabiseng Thateng on ThatengNG@ufs.ac.za or phone 051 401 3567.
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| December      | Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships |

**DISCLAIMER**

Note: Information is provided as a guide. Although every effort is made to ensure that the information provided is accurate and up to date, the University cannot be held responsible for changes that occur from time to time. Always check with the Postgraduate Funding office to confirm actual closing dates.
Introduction

This booklet has been compiled by the Postgraduate School of the University of the Free State 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 https://www.ufs.ac.za/postgraduate/postgraduate-school-home/funding/bursaries.

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.
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.

**UFS Honours Bursaries**

The University of the Free State has allocated funding for Honours Degree Bursaries.

**Who can apply?**

- All South African and international students from any higher education institution are eligible
- Funding is available for both full-time and part-time study
- The applicant must have a minimum average of 65% in the third year module in which they want to pursue an Honours degree.
- Only students who completed their undergraduate qualification in the minimum time can apply.

**Value of bursary:**

R30 000 for one year.

**Closing date for applications:** 19 December

For more information please contact Ms Pinky Motlhabane at the Postgraduate School, Johannes Brill Building on +27 (0)51 401 9635 or MotlhabaneGK@ufs.ac.za
Funding for Research Masters and Doctoral Studies at UFS

The University of the Free State has allocated funds for research Masters and Doctoral bursaries for 2018.

- Funding is available for the first three years for research Masters students
- For Doctoral students funding is available for the first four years
- Funding is available for full-time and part-time study

Closing date: Postgraduate students can apply at any given time.

Who can apply?

- All South African and international students from any higher education institution are eligible
- Students must meet all academic requirements of the University and must already be admitted to an academic programme at the University of the Free State

Renewal of funding is subject to the previous year’s academic performance

What is covered?

- Eligible candidates who are South African citizens or are from SADC countries will receive 100% funding to cover their academic tuition fees on an annual basis
- Eligible international students and students from non-SADC countries will receive funding of up to 67% of their annual academic tuition fees

What is not covered?

All Masters and PhD students pay registration fees, residence prepayments and accommodation (for students who stay in university residences) and living costs.

International levies

International students and non-SADC students will still be required to pay 33% of their tuition fees.

For more information please contact Ms Joy Nogabe at the Postgraduate School, Johannes Brill Building on +27 (0)51 401 7161 or NogabeSJ@ufs.ac.za or +27 (0)51 401 2045 or ThatengNG@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
Armscor Postgraduate bursaries

Armscor, the Armaments Corporation of South Africa, in partnership with the defence industry, is offering bursaries to exceptional learners through the Armscor Bursary Scheme. The aim of the scheme is to address the critical science and engineering skills of the defence industry, by focusing on promoting and improving results in Maths, Science and technical subjects at institutions. The bursaries will be awarded to learners from previously disadvantaged backgrounds who intend to study full time in the engineering and science fields of study.

Applicants must
- Have an interest in working in the South African Defence Industry
- Have good academic record
- Be registered or intending to register at a SA public university.
- Be a South African citizen

Fields of Study which are supported are:
- Electronics Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Aeronautical Engineering
- Naval/Marine Engineering
- Computer Science
- Chemistry
- Human Movement Sciences

What does it cover:
- Tuition fees
- Accommodation and meals
- Prescribed books
- In addition, our bursary-holders may apply for funding which can be used to attend local conferences, workshops, and a visit to a laboratory or any other activity that supports the beneficiaries’ current research progression

Closing date:
October

Apply to:
Access an online application form: www.armscor.co.za

All queries can be directed to Mr. Obakeng Montsho on 012 428 2444 or Mr. Tiyani Mavunda on 012 428 2450.
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 R60 000.

Closing date:
October

Apply to:
Formal queries should be made 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

Canon Collins Trust seeks to support exceptional individuals who are committed to social justice in Southern Africa and for whom a postgraduate qualification is an essential tool in working to create an open and just society.

Applications for courses that are not within these areas (for example MBAs, medical sciences, sports sciences, applied sciences) will be rejected.

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; (minimum second class, upper division or equivalent) or about to graduate in the year of application;
- 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*

You may also need to submit:

- Reference letters from two referees
- ID document (the following are acceptable: passport, birth certificate, driver’s license)

Duration of award(s):

Scholarships are offered for up to a maximum of two years for Masters 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:

August

Apply to:

Access an online application form: www.canoncollins.org.uk/ccsa.html
CSIR – DST Inter-Programme Postgraduate Bursary Support

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) has launched its inter-programme postgraduate bursary support scheme, aimed at supporting capacity development in strategic and priority areas identified in key departmental strategies. The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is supporting the DST in the development of skills in these areas. In this regard, postgraduate students are invited to submit applications for bursary support.

Applicants must be:

- Students approved for or registered for full-time studies for Masters or PhD degrees at any South African public university.
- Students who intend to register for Honours/4th year Engineering/BTech.
- Those students whose degrees are aligned to the research areas and technology streams indicated by the CSIR.
- Supervisor endorsement and motivation will be required with each bursary application.
- Preference will be given to applicants from previously disadvantaged backgrounds and people living with disabilities.

The focus areas for the bursary support are restricted to the following research areas:

- Aerospace
- Composites
- Modelling and Digital Sciences
- Microsystems Technology
- Titanium (Manufacturing Elements)
- Photonics
- Bio-technology
- Information and Communications Technology

Duration of award(s):

For first time registration, an Honours/4th year Engineering/BTech award will be limited to one year, Masters award to two years and PhD award to three years.

What does it cover?

Honours: R60 000
Masters: R90 000
PhD: R120 000

This funding cannot supplement existing bursaries from other government sources (e.g. NRF or other DST-derived bursaries).

Closing date:

September

Apply to:

Please send the completed document (preferably pdf format) with any additional attachments by email to HCD-INTERBURSARY@csir.co.za. Applications must include endorsement and motivation by the nominated supervisor for masters and doctoral students, or Postgraduate office in the case of Honours/BTech/fourth year Engineering students.
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 Masters 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:

- Certified South African Identity Document
- Certified academic record
- Proof of National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) or University Financial Aid funding (if applicable)
Applicants with disabilities must upload a medical certificate, in support of the disability.

University staff members are only eligible to apply for Doctoral scholarships and will have to attach the following:

- Proof of employment
- A supporting letter from their human resource department clearly indicating their working hours and status of employment during the tenure of the award.

How to apply for funding?

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

Value of the Award

- Masters Scholarships R 80 000 p.a
- Doctoral Scholarships R 110 000 p.a

Closing date:

July
Doug Banks Renewable Energy Vision (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 Masters degree in Renewable Energy at a South African University.

Closing date:

Usually September

Apply to:

Applications are via the website www.dougbanks.co.za
Economic Research Southern Africa Scholarships

ERSA seeks to build long-term excellence in research and policy analysis in the field of economics. Academic excellence in economics is therefore a necessary criterion for eligibility. Applicants must provide a convincing demonstration of the ability to succeed in a credible postgraduate programme in economics. This scholarship is available to pursue a Masters degree.

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

Key procedural considerations:
- Scholarships can be utilised at the South African institution of choice of the scholarship winner.
- Students will be required to work in South Africa as economists for a period of one year after obtaining their Masters degree.
- Selection of scholarship holders will be through a panel of economists identified and appointed by the ERSA Academic Committee.
- ERSA scholarship holders studying in South Africa will be expected to attend the ERSA workshop programmes in the research groups that are relevant to their area of specialisation. For more information on these research groups, see http://www.econrsa.org
- Upon completion of the degree, scholarship holders will be required to submit a paper, based on the dissertation component of their degree to the ERSA Working Paper series. Publication will be subject to standard quality verification standards.
- Funding will be disbursed to successful candidates as follows:
  - R70000 upon written proof of acceptance to the relevant programme at the institution of choice.
  - R100000 upon submission of the final dissertation to the ERSA working paper series. Standard quality verification processes will apply. Ratification of compliance with the requirement of a suitable paper submission is solely at the discretion of the ERSA Scholarship Committee.
- Failure to comply with all the terms governing ERSA scholarship funding and or failure to complete the study programme will open scholarship holders to the possibility of having to repay the scholarship funding.

The application pack should include all of the following:
- 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.

Duration of award: One year.

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

Closing date: 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
Email address: Scholarships@econrsa.org

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Ernst & Ether Eriksen Trust

The Trust provides study grants to students doing postgraduate 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.

Application Process

- Applications are for a study grant for the following academic year.
- All bursaries are granted for one year only. Applicants must reapply for each successive year.
- All applications must be submitted online. Posted applications will not be considered.
- Applicants are informed of the status of their application towards the end of November.

The following documents are required: Documents should preferably be in pdf format.

- A certified copy of your identify document (required in step 1)
- A certified copy of the results obtained in your most recent year at university (required in step 2)
- A letter of confirmation that you have been accepted for your field of study and proof of application to the relevant university
- NOTE: If you have applied, but not yet been confirmed you only need to provide proof of application to the relevant university.
- Two references from academics (required in step 5).
- The application form requires you to specify what your anticipated income will be, your estimated expenditure and the total amount you are applying for.
- In step 4 you are required to submit 3 essays which must be entered online and be a maximum of 1000 characters each:
  - Explain why you have chosen this particular field of study.
  - Tell us about yourself - your interests, hobbies etc.
  - Explain how your studies will add value and benefit to your community or the country.

What does it cover?

The amount of the grant is solely at the discretion of the Trustees and subject to the availability of funds.

Payment of study grants for those successful applicants is made directly to the university where the applicant has indicated he/she will be studying.

Applications Open:
September

Closing date:
October

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

FoodBev SETA is one of the 23 Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETA’s) mandated by the Department of Higher Education and Training to put the National Skills Development Strategy in practice. Through thorough research within the sector, FoodBev SETA annually determines the skills needs of the sector and implements initiatives to address these needs. As a part of its skills development initiatives, FoodBev SETA awards bursaries annually for studies aligned to critical and scarce skills identified in the food and beverage manufacturing sector. These critical and scarce skills are identified through annual reports submitted by employers, as required by the Skills Development Act. Bursary awards are categorised according to sector requirements, with due consideration of the National Skills Development Strategy 3 compiled by the Department of Higher Education and Training.

Applicants must:
- Be completed and submitted on the prescribed application form
- Attach all required supporting documents to the application
- Be registered as a full time student at a public higher education institution in South Africa
- Be registered for any of the relevant programmes listed under FoodBev SETA Bursary Policy
- Have demonstrated a sound academic record
- Provide proof of South African citizenship or South African permanent residency
- Preference will be given to applicants who comply with the NSDS equity targets: 85% black, 54% women, 4% disabled
- Preference will be given to students who excel academically and/or demonstrate potential
- Late applications will not be considered unless FoodBev SETA at its discretion decides to allow such application

List of documents to enclose in the application:
- The application form must be completed in full, signed, and must include the written motivation as required
- Certified copy of South African Identity Document or South African Passport
- Proof of current valid registration with the applicable Higher Education Institution for the qualification as indicated
- Certified copy of highest qualification with full academic record
- Full current academic record issued by the applicable Higher Education Institution for the qualification as indicated, if applicable
- Sworn affidavit stating that no other bursaries or awards intended for the same purpose will be accepted, or have been accepted.
- One page summary stating the purpose and objective of the research and/or innovation project, stipulating how it applies to the food and beverage manufacturing industry
- Account indicating the full amount for tuition fees from the Higher Education Institution

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:
Completed application forms with all supporting documents must be submitted to FoodBev SETA. Applications may be submitted via any one of the following:
- E-mail to bursaries2016@foodbev.co.za
- Personal delivery to 13 Autumn Street, Rivonia, 2128

No applications received after the closing date will be taken into consideration.

Closing date:
February
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). Within the framework of its research programming, IFAS-Research finances research projects in the Human and Social Sciences dealing with this area.

Priority will be given to applicants whose research is in line with the research programs of the Institute:

- Archaeology and Prehistory.
- Medieval, Early Modern and Contemporary History of Southern African Societies
- Contemporary Dynamics: Urbans Studies, Democratic and Economic Transformations

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, Thomas Vernet
- The application form filled in electronically.

What does it cover?

Funds allocated by IFAS will not exceed EUR – 2 000.

Closing date:

December

Apply to:

Send a cover letter, description of the research project, budget, CV, letter of recommendation, and application form in .pdf format to: comm.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 Masters 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:
July

Apply to:
Candidates need to complete and submit an online application form:
http://www.canoncollins.org.uk
GreenMatter Fellowship Awards

The GreenMatter Fellowship is designed to connect a community of outstanding champions, leaders and advocates who contribute positively towards managing and maintaining our country's biodiversity. The Fellowship is unique in that it offers a range of development opportunities and welcomes graduates, young professionals and established leaders from all walks of life. It emphasises camaraderie, community and peer learning, while encouraging individual excellence. Financial support is complemented by networking, mentoring and structured professional development opportunities.

Who can apply?

- A South African citizen;
- In possession of a relevant undergraduate degree in applying for an Honours bursary; or
- In possession of a relevant Honours' Degree if applying for a Masters bursary; or
- In possession of a relevant Masters Degree if applying for a PhD bursary; and
- Able to motivate how your field of study aligns to the GreenMatter priority skill areas identified.

Applications are invited in the following priority skill areas:

- Agricultural Extensionists with biodiversity specialism, Geneticists: Molecular Biology with a specialisation in Biodiversity Conservation, Biosphere Reserve and Protected Area Managers, Curators (biodiversity collections), GIS specialists and technicians, Resource Economists with biodiversity related specialism, Ecologists: esp. in marine but also aquatic and terrestrial systems, Human Capital Development: High level biodiversity education and HCD specialists, Bioinformatics: ICT specialists and technicians with biodiversity skills, EIA practitioners, Lawyers with environmental specialism, Social ecologists, Engineers with environmental/biodiversity specialism (including civil), Monitoring specialists, species protection officers and inspectors, Soil scientists, Social scientists specialising in environment, indigenous biodiversity knowledge, Policy developers & analysts, urban & regional planners with biodiversity insight, Statistical ecologists & Modellers, Taxonomists, Wildlife Veterinarians.

Value of the Award

The GreenMatter Postgraduate Fellowship supported by the Nedbank Eyethu Community Trust offers postgraduate development awards which comprises R50 000 pa for Honours (up to 1 year) and R 70 000 pa for Masters (up to 2 years), including 2 skills development contact sessions in the first year. GreenMatter PhD bursary opportunity is also available for students enrolling to commence PhD studies. The bursary amount is ZAR 90,000 per year.

Opening Date:
October

Closing date:
November

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

All applications must be emailed to janavi@greenmatter.co.za
L’Oréal-Unesco Regional fellowships “For Women in Science” in Sub-Sahara Africa

The L’Oréal-UNESCO for Women in Science Sub-Saharan Africa Fellowships aims to promote and encourage young African women in science. This program identifies and rewards talented young female scientists in the field of Life Sciences (such as biology, biochemistry, biophysics, genetics, physiology, neurosciences, biotechnologies, ecology and ethology) as well as Physical Sciences (such as physics, chemistry, petroleum engineering, mathematics, engineering sciences, information sciences, and earth and universe sciences).

The Program honors every year, 14 talented African women for the quality of their research and encourages them to pursue a brilliant career in science in any Sub-Saharan African country.

Who can apply?

Having obtained Ph.D. degree in Life or Physical Sciences or pursuing studies leading to a Ph.D. degree

- Having the nationality of a Sub-Saharan African country
- Working in a Research Laboratory or Institution in one of the region’s countries or being enrolled in a doctoral programme at a University in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Candidates must be no more than 40 years old by the end of the application period for PhD and not more than 45 years for Post-doctoral.

Value of the Award

€ 5,000

List of documents to enclose with the application:

- Certified copies of the degrees or recent diplomas
- A proof of having obtained a Ph.D. degree for postdoctoral candidates
- A proof of being enrolled in an African University for doctoral candidates
- A detailed project of maximum 2 pages, including:
  - The research project description
  - The proposed use of the grant motivating the candidature with some budget indications
- Letters of recommendation from the research supervisor and/or the director of the scientific institution where the research project is carried or the Dean of the Faculty under which the candidate is running her research
- The list of publications and patents

Opening date:
February

Closing date:
April

Apply to:
Applications can be only made through the online platform www.fwis.fr by the candidates themselves.
Margaret McNamara Education Grants (MMEG) Trinity program

Margaret McNamara Education Grants are awarded to women from developing and middle-income countries who, upon obtainment of their degree, intend to return to or remain in their countries, or other developing countries, and work to improve the lives of women and/or children.

Who can apply?

- Be at least 25 years old at time of application deadline
- Be a national of a country listed on the MMEG Country Eligibility List
- Be enrolled at an accredited academic institution when submitting application; and plan to be enrolled for a full academic term after award of the grant by the Board;
- Not be related to a World Bank Group, International Monetary Fund or Inter-American Development Bank staff member or spouse;
- Already be enrolled part time (minimum of 2 courses per semester or term) or full time at one of the universities listed below, AND be enrolled for the following academic year (January-December or September to May) at one of the following universities:
  - University of the Witwatersrand,
  - University of Cape Town
  - University of Stellenbosch
  - University of Pretoria
  - University of the Free State
- Applicants applying from eligible countries other than South Africa must already hold a study permit for South Africa.

Value of the Award

€ 5,000

List of documents to enclose with the application:

- Identification (ID) card with photo:
- National passport page with photo and date of birth, if studying outside your home country, or
- Government/university-issued identity card with photo and birth date;
- Most recent proof of official registration from university;
- Most recent official university transcripts and/or reports
- Visa page or study permit page within current passport (if studying outside home country);
- Second passport page with clear photo (in case of dual citizenship).

You will also provide:

Brief paragraphs of your personal story (up to 300 words), and a description of how your studies, experiences and future plans are linked to your commitment to women and children in developing countries (up to 600 words);
An estimate of your financial situation for the coming academic year, and planned strategies to cover funding needs;

A summary of your thesis (if applicable), including its objective (up to 50 words), methodology and findings (up to 200 words), and relationship to career goals (up to 150 words).

Two reference letters are required. Please contact two people from whom you would like to request a reference letter. Referee 1 must be a professor from your current university. Referee 2 may be from a person (non-family member) who can vouch for your character. At least one of the individuals must have known you for the equivalent of at least two semesters. After receiving their confirmation, you will be asked to provide in the application form:

Email addresses and phone numbers of the two people providing references. They will each receive an email link from Embark Online to write their recommendation. When their recommendations are submitted, you will also be notified by Embark.

**Opening date:**
May

**Closing date:**
September

**Apply to:**
Queries may be addressed to: africa@mmeg.org
The central purpose of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation is to build exceptional leadership capacity in Africa. The Foundation does this by offering fully funded Scholarships for postgraduate studies (Honours and Masters) in South Africa, as well as a yearlong leadership development programme that comprises of residential workshops, regional group gatherings, and a voluntary mentoring programme where Scholars in residence are paired up with alumni Mandela Rhodes Scholars.

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.

Opening date:
March

Closing date:
April

Apply to:
The application form will be accessible via a link on the Mandela Rhodes Foundation website which can be accessed on http://mandelarhodes.org/the-scholarship/apply/
Meat Industry Trust

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 postgraduate 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 postgraduate 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
- The above fields of study must be with regard to the following red meat species:
  - Cattle
  - Sheep
  - Goats
  - Pigs

Value of the Award

R60 000 per annum.

Closing date:

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 Masters 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 Sciences 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 R132 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 Masters 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 Masters study or any published academic work.

Closing Date:
September

Apply to:
Visit NIHSS website: www.nihss.ac.za
Applications and queries must be sent electronically to:
scholarships@nihss.ac.za
NRF Free-standing Masters and Doctoral Scholarships

The programme supports full time Masters 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. The percentage of supported students will be 80% from the Science, Engineering and Technology disciplines and 20% from the 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.
- 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:
- Problem statement;
- Rationale and literature review;
- Aims and objectives;
- Methodology and proposed research plan;
- Anticipated outputs;
- Potential Impact;
- Alignment with National Research Priorities;
- Identification of a suitable supervisor and co-supervisor;
- For Masters Students: Support from the identified Masters supervisor and referee; and
- For Doctoral students: Support from the Masters Supervisor, identified Doctoral supervisor and referee.

Value of the Award:

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

Student with disability scholarship-holders may apply for additional funding for an assistive technology device of up to R20 000. This is the maximum amount allowed during the tenure of the scholarship. As defined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 (IDEA), an assistive technology device is “any piece of equipment, or product system, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities”.

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 for NRF Freestanding.

Opening date:
May

Closing date:
July

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/ All applicants must consult with his/her proposed supervisor in the process of submitting an application to ensure that the supervisor is in agreement with the scientific aspects contained in the application and, the proposed work plan for completion of the degree.
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:
- Astronomy
- Bioinformatics
- Biotechnology
- Cellular and Molecular Biology
- Chemistry
- Climate Change
- Computer Science
- Drug Discovery and Development
- Earth Science
- Earth Observation
- Ecology
- Education
- Engineering
- Environmental Sciences
- Functional Genomics
- Global Change, Society and Sustainability
- Health Sciences
- Information Science
- Indigenous Knowledge Systems
- Law
- Mathematical Sciences
- Marine Sciences
- Medicinal Plant Research
- Medical Sciences
- Nanotechnology
- Nuclear Technologies in Medicine and Biosciences
- Palaeosciences
- Physics
- Renewable Energy
- Social Science and Humanities
- Space Science.

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:
- Problem statement;
- Rationale and literature review;
- Aims and objectives;
- Methodology and proposed research plan;
- Anticipated outputs;
- Potential Impact;
- Alignment with National Research Priorities;
- Identification of a suitable supervisor and co-supervisor;
- For Masters Students: Support from the identified Masters supervisor and referee; and
- For Doctoral students: Support from the Masters Supervisor, identified Doctoral supervisor and referee.

Value of the Award:
- Masters Scholarships R 90 000 p.a
- Doctoral Scholarships R 120 000 p.a

Scholarship-holders with a disability may apply for additional funding for an assistive technology device of up to R20 000. This is the maximum amount allowed during the tenure of the scholarship. As defined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 (IDEA), an assistive technology device is “any piece of equipment, or product system, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.”
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.

**Opening date:**

May

**Closing date:**

July

**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/

All applicants must consult with his/her proposed supervisor in the process of submitting an application to ensure that the supervisor is in agreement with the scientific aspects contained in the application and, the proposed work plan for completion of the degree.
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. The scholarship is intended to support doctoral candidates to pursue research studies in all areas of (i) Science, (ii) Engineering and (iii) Technology and in the (iv) Social Sciences and (v) 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.

The following additional information will be required:

- 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.

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.

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.

Opening date:
June

Closing date:
July

How to apply for funding:

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/

All applicants must consult with his/her proposed supervisor in the process of submitting an application to ensure that the supervisor is in agreement with the scientific aspects contained in the application and the proposed work plan for completion of the degree.
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:

- 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:

- Problem statement;
- Rationale and literature review;
- Aims and objectives;
- Methodology and proposed research plan;
- Anticipated outputs;
- Potential Impact;
- Alignment with National Research Priorities;
- Identification of a suitable supervisor and co-supervisor;
- For Masters Students: Support from the identified Masters supervisor and referee; and
- For Doctoral students: Support from the Masters Supervisor, identified Doctoral supervisor and referee.
Value of the Award:
Masters Scholarships R 90 000 p.a
Doctoral Scholarships R 120 000 p.a

In addition, Masters scholarship-holders may apply for a travel grant of up to R15 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.

Opening date:
May

Closing date:
July

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/

All applicants must consult with his/her proposed supervisor in the process of submitting an application to ensure that the supervisor is in agreement with the scientific aspects contained in the application and, the proposed work plan for completion of the degree.
NRF Freestanding, Innovation and Scarce skills Development Fund Honours Scholarships

Historically, the NRF allocated Block Grants to universities that would implement NRF application and selection processes for awarding of the Honours’ bursaries allocated to each institution. In order to comply with good corporate governance, the NRF is now migrating the application process to the NRF Online Submission application system by implementing a standardised application form and process for all Honours students. Institutions will use a standard score card provided by the NRF to evaluate each application, before selecting and nominating students to take up the allocated bursaries. The advantage of this standardised process is that it will be auditable, fair and transparent. It will also enable institutions and the NRF to assess the pool of eligible applicants and to respond more effectively should there be a need for reallocation of bursaries or to make additional bursary awards.

Who can apply?

- South African citizens, South African permanent residents as well as a limited percentage of foreign nationals.

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

- Students previously funded by National Students Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) or the University Financial Aid Scheme for their undergraduate degree;
- Priority research area of study to be supported;
- Intention to continue with Masters degree upon completion of the Honours degree; and
- Average percentage mark for previous degree.

Non-eligibility:

- Applicants that already hold an Honours and final year B Tech degree at the level for which they are applying for.
- Students pursuing an undergraduate degree are not eligible irrespective of the degree they are enrolled for.

Application documentation

- Downloaded application forms from https://www.ufs.ac.za/postgraduate/postgraduate-school-home/funding/bursaries
- Ensure that you include the following documentation in your application:
  - Certified copy of your identity documents.
  - Certified copy of your official academic transcripts.
  - Proof of registration for honours.

Value of the Award:

NRF Freestanding Scholarships: R30 000
Innovation Bursary Scheme: R60 000
NSFAS Scholarships: R76 000

Bursary-holders with a disability may apply for additional funding for an assistive technology device of up to R20 000. This is the maximum amount allowed during the tenure of the bursary. As defined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 (IDEA), an assistive technology device is “any piece of equipment, or product system, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities”.
Opening Date:
September

Closing date:
October

Apply to:
Applications for funding must be submitted to the university where you intend to register, through the NRF Online Submission System by accessing the link: https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/.
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, Masters and PhD 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 Masters 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

PPS Foundation Bursaries are awarded based on financial need and academic record to full time University and University of Technology students in an effort to assist students financially. The PPS Foundation awards bursaries to financially deserving students who have a superior academic record and are full-time university students, primarily in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths disciplines.

Application must be:
- Registered at a participating South African University
- Preference will be given to African, Indian and Coloured students (AIC).
- 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.
- The student must have an academic average of at least 65% throughout their academic period.
- 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.

Value of award:
The PPS Foundation bursary covers tuition and/or text book for one academic year.

Opening date:
October

Closing date:
December

Successful candidates will be informed by January

Apply to:
All Bursary applications forms and queries to be sent to the PPS Foundations mailbox: infoppsfoundation@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 Masters 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 Masters 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 Masters 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?
- The total value of the scholarship will vary according to the length of the study.
- For the Masters Degree the guideline is two years and for the Doctorate, three years.
- The value of the scholarship is R40 000 per annum.
- The allocation of a scholarship in one year should not be regarded as a guarantee that this will be repeated in succeeding years.
- 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:
September

Apply to:
Further details and application forms are available at:
General Manager
Protein Research Foundation
P.O. Box 1564
Rivonia 2128
Telephone: 011-803 2579 or 011-803 1894
E-Mail: maria@proteinresearch.net
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 and UK-based research and higher education 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 scholarship for 20 South African citizens and permanent residents, and 10 African PhD students based at South African universities.
- 10 of these scholarships will be awarded to students being co-supervised by a UK research or higher education institution, including mobility grants to support collaboration on the PhD study.
- A capacity development intervention during the early stage of their PhD studies.
- Supervision by experienced South African/African and IIASA/UK scientists/alumni, as well as contributing to collaborative research by the supervising senior scientists.
- 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 this funding instrument are as follows:

- The applicant must be an academic or researcher in the higher education sector in South Africa who wishes to supervise a doctoral student;
- The supervisor nominates a student that he/she will potentially supervise for Doctoral studies. The student must work independently and be able to interact with other scientists;
- The supervisor submits the application on behalf of and in consultation with their nominated student/s who is/are registered or intends to register for doctoral studies. A supervisor (applicant) can apply for scholarships for a maximum of 2 students in this call;
- Details of the proposed research must clearly be aligned to IIASA’s research programmes and DST’s research priority areas;
- For those wishing to be co-supervised by a UK HEI, students must provide a letter of support from a UK-based host institution indicating support of a UK co-supervisor, including a plan for co-supervision and for proposed mobility visits. Requests for support in linking with a UK HEI can be accessed here or email Anisa.Khan@britishcouncil.org.

Value of the award:

- For the nominated student, a doctoral scholarship to the amount of R110 000 per year, over a period of 3 years subject to satisfactory progress and meeting all the requirements of the SASAC programme;
- For both the supervisor and the student, fully paid expenses for participating in the applicable SASAC activities. These include where applicable: flights, travel visas, accommodation and meals which will be arranged by the management team of SASAC;
- All students will be able to apply for mobility grants for travel to attend conferences, research meetings or to meet with IIASA/UK co-supervisors.
Closing date:
September

Apply to:
Supervisors should submit applications electronically on the NRF Online Submission System at https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za.

For those enquiring regarding the UK co-supervised PhD opportunity:
Ms Anisa Khan
British Council Newton Fund Programme Manager
Email: Anisa.Khan@britishcouncil.org
Tel: +27 11 560 9312
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:
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
South African Music Rights Organisation (SAMRO)

The SAMRO Foundation award bursaries worth over R1-million to music students, with an online tool streamlining the applications and adjudication.

Who can apply?
- Full-time students,
- Registered at a South African University,
- In their 2nd, 3rd and 4th years, or honours and Masters degrees,
- Who are citizens of South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho or Swaziland,
- Who are studying for a degree or diploma majoring in music.

Application documentation:
- Copy of ID
- Proof of registration
- Examination results or most recent academic record (university transcript)
- 2 Letters of reference (not older than 3 months)
- For Masters applicants - a 5 to 8 page synopsis of your thesis or dissertation.

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

Opening date:
November

Closing date:
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

The Association of South African Women in Science and Engineering (SA WISE) is a dynamic association for all those who support the idea of strengthening the role of women in science and engineering in South Africa. SA WISE aims to strengthen this role by: raising the profile of women scientists and engineers, lobbying for the advancement of women in science and engineering and providing leadership and role models for young people wishing to enter the fields of science and engineering.

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

Value of the Scholarship:
R15 000

Closing date:
November

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 Reserve Bank Financial Stability Research Grant

To promote and support research related to financial stability, the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) is offering five grants to postgraduate students registered at South African universities. Students are encouraged to submit proposals for research on financial stability-related topics that will result in publishable papers.

Who can apply?
- Masters and Doctoral students registered at South African universities.
- Proposals should indicate how the research project will help to improve the broader understanding of financial stability issues in South Africa.
- Recipients of grants will be required to submit a paper upon completion, which is available for publication by the SARB. Publication will be subject to standard peer review processes.
- Research supervisors will be required to submit a progress report by July.

Supporting documents to attach with the application form:
- Completed application form.
- Research Proposal no more than five pages in length, with a one-page summary.
- A full recent academic transcript.
- A letter of recommendation from the supervisor of the research.
- A certified copy of your South African identify document.
- A certified copy of your passport if you are not a South African citizen.

Value of the Scholarship:
R75 000

Closing date:
October

Apply to:
Applications must be submitted to the following e-mail address: ruth.ollier@resbank.co.za.
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 wish to study, or are studying, one of the following degrees:
  - Bachelor of Science – Honours – Physics and Electronics / Astrophysics / Astronomy / Computer Science
  - Bachelor of Science – Honours – NASSP (National Astrophysics and Space Science Programme)
- Students who have achieved a minimum average (grade-point average) of 60% at an undergraduate level
- Students who intend to pursue postgraduate research in radio astronomy, or in an engineering discipline relevant to radio astronomy.

Value of the Scholarship:
R121 000

Duration of award:
The duration of an SKA SA bursary is one year for honours.

Closing date:
July

Apply to:
Applications must be submitted through an online application process to the South African Square Kilometre Array Project by accessing the link: https://skagrants.nrf.ac.za
Enquiries may be directed to SKA SA: amashemola@ska.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.

Who can apply?
- South African citizens, and permanent residents of South Africa; or

The application process for a Masters bursary from the SKA SA comprises two stages:

Process 1: Students complete an application form
- Prospective Masters students apply to SKA SA for a bursary by completing an online application form.
- At this stage in the application process students DO NOT need a supervisor or topic at this stage.
- A panel, duly appointed by SKA SA, evaluates all student applications, and recommends to SKA SA the students who should receive a bursary.

Process 2: In parallel to this call, Supervisors must submit Research Projects Proposals for Students

The projects proposals will be evaluated and those deemed to satisfy the required criteria will be approved.

The approved projects proposals will be made available to the shortlisted (panel-recommended) students

Structure of an SKA SA Masters Bursary:
- Annual Bursary: R110 000
- Equipment Grant: R23 000
- Annual Travel Grant: R25 000
- Home Travel Grant Cost of one return ticket
- Repatriation Fee: Paid in full, if required
- Emergency Medical Insurance: Paid in full

Opening Date:
June

Closing date:
August

Apply to:
Applications must be submitted through an online application process to the South African Square Kilometre Array Project by accessing the link: https://skagrants.nrf.ac.za

Enquiries may be directed to SKA SA: lgura@ska.ac.za
South African Square Kilometre Array Project
Doctoral 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.

Who can apply?
- South African citizens, and permanent residents of South Africa; or

The application process for a Doctoral bursary from the SKA SA comprises two stages:

Process 1: Students complete an application form
- Prospective Doctoral students apply to SKA SA for a bursary by completing an online application form.
- At this stage in the application process students DO NOT need a supervisor or topic at this stage.
- A panel, duly appointed by SKA SA, evaluates all student applications, and recommends to SKA SA the students who should receive a bursary.

Process 2: In parallel to this call, Supervisors must submit Research Projects Proposals for Students
Supervisors must submit full proposals as per the guidelines in the application guide, which is provided with the online application form. Application forms are also available at https://skagrants.nrf.ac.za.

The projects proposals will be evaluated and those deemed to satisfy the required criteria will be approved.

The approved projects proposals will be made available to the shortlisted (panel-recommended) students

Structure of an SKA SA Doctoral Bursary:
- Annual Bursary: R 126 000
- Equipment Grant: R34 000
- Annual Travel Grant: R30 000
- Home Travel Grant Cost of one return ticket
- Repatriation Fee: Paid in full, if required
- Emergency Medical Insurance: Paid in full

Opening Date:
June

Closing date:
August

Apply to:
Applications must be submitted through an online application process to the South African Square Kilometre Array Project by accessing the link: https://skagrants.nrf.ac.za

Enquiries may be directed to SKA SA: Igura@ska.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 postgraduate studies part-time or full-time in Natural Sciences or Medicine, or for research in 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.
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:
- Third year students and above or members of the university staff of Junior Lecturer 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;

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

Opening date: May

Closing date: May

To apply:
Please email your application to pienaarpl@ufs.ac.za and ALSO submit a hardcopy at: Bloemfontein Campus: Mrs N Pienaar Room 175/173 George du Toit Building QwaQwa Campus: Room 0017 Admin Building
Canon Collins Scholarships for UK Masters

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

- School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
- University of Sussex
- University of Edinburgh, MSc in African Studies

To apply, the candidates should:

- Be a national of, and normally resident in one of the following countries: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, 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.

All applicants are required to submit the following supporting documentation:

- 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.

What does it cover?

- Full Tuition fees
- A maintenance allowance;
- A return economy flight;

Opening date:

January

Closing date:

March

Apply to:

The online application form can be found on the Canon Collins Trust website, when the call for applications is open.
Chevening Scholarships for UK Masters

Chevening is the UK government’s global scholarship programme that offers future leaders the unique opportunity to study in the UK. These scholarships are awarded to outstanding professionals from your country and beyond to pursue a one-year Masters degree in any subject at any UK university.

To apply, the candidates should:

- Be a citizen of a Chevening-eligible country
- Return to your country of citizenship for a minimum of two years after your award has ended
- Have an undergraduate degree that will enable you to gain entry onto a postgraduate programme at a UK university. This is typically equivalent to an upper second-class 2:1 honours degree in the UK.
- Have at least two years’ work experience (this may be up to five years for fellowship programmes, so please refer to your country page for further details)
- Apply to three different eligible UK university courses and have received an unconditional offer from one of these choices by July.
- Meet the Chevening English language requirement by July.

In order to submit your Chevening Scholarship application, it is essential that you have the following ready:

- Valid passport/national ID card
- University transcripts and degree certificates (undergraduate, postgraduate)
- Three different UK Masters course choices

What does it cover?

- Full university tuition fees
- A monthly stipend;
- Travel costs to and from the UK;
- An arrival allowance;
- A homeward departure allowance;
- The cost of one visa application;
- A travel grant to attend Chevening events in the UK;

Openin date: August

Closing date: November

Apply to:

Complete and submit an online application form:
http://www.chevening.org/apply

- 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;
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 Masters degree (M1) or, if they have an honours degree, the university may admit the student into the second year of a Masters 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 is 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).
  - 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 email) 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:
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 scholarship programme offers grants to facilitate international academic and scientific mobility for South African and non-South African researchers to 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 collaborative research as part of their doctoral research project.

Requirements for eligibility:
- Double registration for PhD at a South African and French institution (a “cotutelle” agreement).
- Co-operation agreement between South African supervisor, and French co-supervisor, supporting proposed research project.
- Applications from all academic disciplines will be considered.
- No knowledge of French language required, provided the student will be able to conduct research in English.

What does it cover?
- Visa expenses
- Health insurance
- Round-trip flight ticket and
- A monthly stipend towards living expenses.

Required documents (to accompany the application form):
- Fully completed and signed application form
- Motivation letter (no longer than two pages)
- Curriculum vitae (no longer than two pages)
- Copy of valid passport
- Copy of all degree certificates and academic transcripts (both for complete and incomplete qualifications)
- Outline of research project (no longer than two pages)
- Supporting letter from supervisor in South Africa
- Supporting letter from supervisor in France
- Copy of co-tutelle agreement between South African and French university

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:
Applications are to be submitted via e-mail, to pretoria_bourses@campusfrance.org.

To request application forms or any additional information regarding the scholarship programme and studies in France, contact:

University cooperation officer
Tel no: +27 (0) 12 425 1721
E-mail: 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 (Masters, 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.
- Currently enrolled in a PhD programme at any South African university
- You have not lived in Europe for more than 12 months over the past 5 years.

The field(s) of study covered are:

What does the Scholarship cover?
- A monthly scholarship of €1500.
- Return flights to Europe,
- Insurance.

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
- Research Plan
- A pre-acceptance letter from the EU host institution.
- Declaration of Honour that may be downloaded from the website

Closing date:
March

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

The FirstRand Laurie Dippenaar scholarship is available to South African citizens for postgraduate study outside South Africa in any discipline at an 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 R750 000 p.a. for a maximum of two years.

Closing date:

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.

For details and the application form go to www.firstrand.co.za
FirstRand Oxford African Studies Scholarship to Oxford University

The FirstRand Foundation has entered into a partnership with the African Studies Centre to allow an outstanding South African student to undertake postgraduate study at one of the world’s foremost universities, Oxford University. The scholarship will provide full funding for one student each year to study a Masters degree at the African Studies Centre at Oxford University. The successful candidate will be housed at Wadham College. The partnership is for five years.

Who is eligible?
- The scholarships will be awarded based on academic excellence, leadership ability, community involvement and the candidate’s potential to be a destiny changer.
- Candidates have to apply and be accepted for an MSc in African Studies at Oxford University.

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 Oxford University

Closing date:
February

Apply to:
Details and the application form will be available on the FirstRand website, www.firstrand.co.za
The Fulbright Program

The US Embassy in South Africa is offering Fulbright scholarships for South African students. The scholarships are available for pursuing postgraduate study at US universities or at other appropriate in the 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?

- Be a SA citizen (Non-SA citizens are required to apply in their country of citizenship, even if they are resident in SA)
- Have a four-year Bachelor’s degree, a three-year Bachelor’s degree plus Honors year, or a four-year B-Tech degree when applying for Masters
- Have a Masters degree when applying for a Doctoral degree
- For Non-Degree studies: Must be registered for PhD with a South African university

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 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:
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:
November

Apply to:
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 in the following subject areas:

- Business Management
- Agriculture, Food Science & Nutrition; and
- Public Administration
- Law (CASAC award)

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 Masters 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

Opening date:

November

Closing date:

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 2018.
- 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 at a 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 cover your expenses 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:
- April for programs starting in September
- October for programs starting in February

Apply to:
Application forms are available from http://prospectivestudents.leiden.edu/scholarships/scholarship/mandela-scholarship-fund.html
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:
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
NRF – TWAS Doctoral / Renaissance Doctoral Scholarship Call

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 scholarships namely; the NRF - TWAS Doctoral Scholarship and the NRF – TWAS African Renaissance Doctoral Scholarship. 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 scholars 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 scholarship.

Eligibility

- The NRF-TWAS Doctoral Scholarship Funding Instrument is open to citizens and permanent residents from developing countries outside Africa.
- The NRF-TWAS African Renaissance Doctoral Scholarship funding instrument is open to citizens and permanent residents from Africa except South Africa.
- Applicants must be thirty five (35) years of age on 31 December of the year of application for the doctoral scholarship.
- 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 Masters Degree;
- Visa and immigration laws of the applicant’s home country and South Africa must be met by applicant.
- 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
  - Foreign citizens who were previously employed or studying towards a degree or undertaking research in South Africa, and have returned to their country of origin but have been in their country of origin for less than two (2) years.

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
- Applicants must have all foreign qualifications (obtained from non-South Africa universities) evaluated by the South African Qualification Authority (SAQA). Proof that at least the applicant has submitted his/her qualification for evaluation at SAQA must be submitted with the application, failing which the application will be rejected. Further information on the process can be accessed by logging on to www.saqa.org.za.
The applicant must secure their own visa’s or study permits under the programme for study in South Africa. The NRF will not be responsible for assisting with visa requirements.

Upon completion of the studies, all successful applicant MUST return to their country of origin to plough back.

**Awarding principle**

- Priority will be given to applicants from the 66 states endorsed by TWAS as priority in capacity development in Science and Technology.
- Priority will be given to female applicants and the target is to award 50% of scholarships to female scholars; and
- 50 scholars will be from countries in Africa; and 20 scholars will be from developing countries outside Africa in accordance with the two types of scholarships.

**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 Scholarship 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; subject to submission of proof of expenditure.
  - A single economy airfare for travel from the fellows’ home country to South Africa; to the maximum of 15 000.
  - A single economy airfare from South Africa to the fellow’s home country, upon completion of the Doctoral degree to the value of 15 000.
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 Scholars:
It is the responsibility of the scholar to

- Obtain appropriate visas
- Secure a supervisor at a South African Institution who is willing to host them for the duration of scholarship
- Arrange own accommodation in South Africa for the duration of the scholarship

The scholarship does not cover the following:

- All financial expenses of accompanying family members must be carried out by the individuals. Scholars 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 the scholar’s or family member’s stay to meet any untoward incidents and major ailments during travel and stay in South Africa.

Closing date:
July

Apply to:
Applicants must apply for the NRF-TWAS Doctoral/African Renaissance Doctoral Scholarships by accessing the link: https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/.

Bursaries and Scholarships Guide for Postgraduate Students 2018
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 political activities; your leadership roles; and any other significant achievements or involvements;

A statement divided into parts A and B (together not to exceed 1,000 words):
Part A (Personal Statement):
- Explain your general interests and activities and what you plan to do with your life once you have completed your studies;
- In this statement you get a chance to discuss your aims and priorities and the contribution you have made and would like to make to society;
- The Personal Statement must be endorsed with clear signature attesting to no external help being given in its creation.

Part B (Statement of Intended Study):
- Indicate the course of study and degree you wish to follow at Oxford;
- Demonstrate that you are able to meet the requirements of the specific course you have chosen;
- Applicants wishing to undertake a DPhil must provide a brief outline of their proposed research;
- Your personal statement is a very important part of your application. It is very important for you to have considered what course and degree you wish to follow at Oxford before you submit your application. It is a good idea to discuss your proposed course of study with your professors or lecturers in that field, and, if possible, with someone who has knowledge of United Kingdom universities.
- A list of six people (your referees) who will provide the selection committee with further detailed information about you:
- Furnish the business and home (or mobile) telephone and fax numbers as well as the postal and email addresses of all your referees.
- Choose reliable people who are likely to respond to requests for written reports as their reports will be crucial to your application. Ask their permission before listing them as referees.
- 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:
August

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
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.
- Masters 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
- Support services and various trips, dinners and sightseeing tours organised for Swiss Government Excellence 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. Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ), Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID).

Application documentation:

- The official application form (typed and printed). No handwritten forms will be accepted
- A full curriculum vitae with list of academic publications
- A motivation letter (max. 2 pages)
- A complete research proposal (max. 5 pages), use exclusively the official research proposal form provided with the application package
- A copy of the confirmation from a Professor at the intended Swiss University that he/she is willing to supervise the PhD studies.
- Include a short CV of your academic host supervisor.
In the case where the PhD is run within a structured doctoral school, a copy of the PhD admission letter or at least a proof that the candidate is being considered for admission.

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 health certificate (use exclusively the official health certificate provided with the application package).

Two copies of the passport (main page with personal data).

Closing date:
December

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
VLIR-UOS scholarship Master of Marine and Lacustrine Science and Management

The 2-year master programme in “Master of Marine and Lacustrine Science and Management” (in short: “Oceans & Lakes”) addresses students with a background in Sciences. Oceans & Lakes is an inter-university programme in Belgium organized by the Faculty of Sciences of Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB, Free University of Brussels), Universiteit Antwerpen (UA, Antwerp University) and Universiteit Gent (UGent, Ghent University). It provides students with strong fundamental and applied knowledge and prepares them for an active role in scientific research and management of marine and lacustrine systems. The programme provides insight into the diversity and complexity of life and processes in oceans, lakes and estuaries. It adopts a multidisciplinary approach integrating physical, chemical geological, ecological and societal aspects and including nature conservation and sustainable development. The degree of Master of Marine and Lacustrine Science and Management is conferred by the three universities and will bear the seal of each.

Admission requirements:
Oceans & Lakes is open to holders of a bachelor’s degree in biology, biochemistry and biotechnology, chemistry, geology, geography, geography and geomatics, bio-engineering or environmental sciences. For other bachelors in science and applied science, applications will be assessed on the basis of the applicants’ academic records and skills.

Closing date:
March

Apply to:
If you are interested in applying for a VLIR-UOS scholarship: Check the website for all requirements
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam – NRF South Africa
Desmond Tutu Doctoral Scholarships

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 Masters 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:
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.

Closing date

July

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 Masters 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 Masters degree or equivalent. If you do not have a Masters 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 Masters degree.
- You are 35 years or younger as of February 11, 2019.

You meet one of the following conditions:
- 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.
- 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 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:
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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