



The Faculty of Engineering Dean's Fund

The Faculty of Engineering, established in 1944, is a major producer of top-quality engineers in chemical, civil, electrical and electronic, industrial, and mechanical and mechatronic engineering. The Faculty has a tradition of close cooperation with industry through contract research and boasts excellent staff, experimental laboratories, computational facilities and research infrastructure.

As part of Stellenbosch University's HOPE Project, the Faculty of Engineering is poised to make valuable contributions to research output, talent development for economic growth and real-world novel applications. The dearth of engineering skills in South Africa and Africa's labour pools is a significant challenge with severe long-term implications. To achieve this, the Faculty of Engineering has established a Dean's Fund to employ world-class academics in an inspiring academic environment that will attract the best student talent. The main objectives with the Dean's Fund are to attract and retain top academics, to create inspired learning spaces and to fund access bursaries for deserving students.

This year we would like to focus on **Student Access Bursaries**:

The Faculty seeks to increase the total and diversity of the student intake as well as the graduation rate. This is in direct response to the urgent need for more qualified engineers in our world region. Student Access Bursaries are a means of attracting such talent to the Faculty. These bursaries include the following:

- Bursaries for top achievers
- Bursaries for financially needy students with high potential
- Bridging-year Bursaries Programme for disadvantaged learners

In these difficult economic times we especially have a need to fund additional bursaries for students with merit and we ask you to consider helping us to make it possible for these students to study engineering. No matter how big or small your gift, your donation can make a difference. Your support, activism and enthusiasm can help us to provide a bursary for a talented young engineer in the making.

As Dean, I would like to extend a personal invitation to you to make a philanthropic gift to help this Faculty achieve its goals. Join us in partnership to make engineering higher education the life changer in Africa that it *can* be. Please contact Linda Diedericks at the Alumni Relations Office on 021 808 2948 or at matiesalumni@sun.ac.za to pledge your support.

Kind Regards,

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