

# INFORMATION SHEET FOR THE SCIMATHUS UNIVERSITY PREPARATION PROGRAMME IN 2020

Stellenbosch University

Thank you for your interest in the SciMathUS year-long university preparation programme. Before you complete the application form, please familiarise yourself with the entry requirements.

SciMathUS is a selection programme.

## The entry requirements to be considered for the programme are:

- Prospective students should be in Grade 12 in 2019 or have matriculated in 2018 (those who matriculated before 2018 will not be considered for the programme).
- You should have passed at least four subjects from the group of subjects designated for university admission;
- have a Grade 12 average of at least 60% (excluding Life Orientation); and,
- have obtained a minimum of 50% in Afrikaans or English (Home Language or First Additional Language).
- For the Science stream, you should have obtained a minimum of 45% in Mathematics and a minimum of 45% in Physical Sciences. **NO STUDENTS WITH MATHEMATICAL LITERACY WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- For the Accountancy stream, you should have obtained a minimum of 45% in Mathematics and a minimum of 45% in Accountancy. **NO STUDENTS WITH MATHEMATICAL LITERACY WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- You should also submit evidence that you have been educationally disadvantaged (either financially, by your school and/or home circumstances).

## What does the programme offer?

If you are willing to work hard, SciMathUS offers you an opportunity to improve your Grade 12 marks. With your new results you may then re-apply for admission to Stellenbosch University or any other higher education institution. SciMathUS however, cannot guarantee placement in any institution.

SciMathUS allows you to choose between Mathematics and Physical Sciences or Mathematics and Accountancy. In addition, complementary subjects such as Computer Literacy, Academic Literacy and Introduction to Economics are offered. Students re-write the National Senior Certificate Examination in Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Accountancy. Introduction to Economics is presented and assessed by the University.

Classes will be offered in Afrikaans and English, depending on the number of students in the class. The offering will be in English if most students are English speaking.

A compulsory additional Mathematics course is offered when the students finish their NSC exams, for two weeks, to assist students to prepare for university Mathematics.

## Funding of the programme?

SciMathUS is mostly funded by the private sector. Successful students will be asked to make an admission fee towards the cost of the programme in 2020. Please note that this is only a contribution and does not cover the cost to offer this programme.

The SciMathUS programme offers accommodation to 90 of the 100 students, priority is given to those students who come from other provinces or distances where it's difficult to travel from home to campus every day.

## **Applications in 2020**

We prefer and recommend that you complete the online application form.

The web address for the online application is:

[http://www.suncep.sun.ac.za/UPP/SciMathUS/scimathus\\_Applications.html](http://www.suncep.sun.ac.za/UPP/SciMathUS/scimathus_Applications.html)

Hard copy and online applications will be opened from 29 November 2019. . The closing date for ALL applications is on **24 January 2020 at 12h00**. The final selection will take place immediately after all the final NSC results are available and all applicants have submitted their final results. Successful candidates will be informed about their selection and placement in the programme the week of **27 January 2019. The decision of the selection committee is final**. Classes start on 3 February 2020.

## **Supporting documentation**

A number of documents have to be submitted with the application form. This is indicated on the form.

### **Your application and supporting documents can either be:**

- **Delivered by hand to** Mrs Pool (Education Building, Room 3043);
- **Sent via ordinary mail to:** The SciMathUS programme manager, Private Bag X1, Education Building, Room 3043, Matieland, 7602
- **Faxed to:** 086 6964 752 or 086 5723 257
- **E-mailed to:** bridging@sun.ac.za.

Only complete applications with certified copies of the supporting documents mentioned below will be considered:

1. certified copies of applicant's identity documents/birth certificates as proof of SA citizenship; and
2. certified copies of documents stating the financial position of the parent(s)/ guardian(s). Please write applicant's name & surname on these certified copies as we receive hundreds of documents.

The following supporting documentation, explaining the financial situation of your family is required. Only attach what is applicable to you.

1. Latest salary advice of parent(s)/guardian(s) (not older than 3 months).
2. Proof of pension income (slip/bank statement not older than 3 months).
3. Sworn affidavit pertaining to an adult family member financially dependent on the family.
4. Where unemployed, a sworn affidavit pertaining to unemployment / also where the mother is a housewife.
5. Sworn affidavit pertaining to income derived from temporary/part time work.
6. Sworn affidavit pertaining to maintenance (divorced or single parents).
7. Sworn affidavit in respect of informal income (house café, stall, etc.).
8. In case of guardianship, a certified copy of death certificate of parent(s).
9. In case of divorce, a copy of the divorce settlement.
10. In case of farming, own business or CC, the audited financial statements.
11. Copy of tax assessment (IT 34) which indicates the yearly income.
12. Sworn affidavit from any third party with regard to funding of this applicant.

**The University reserves the right to cancel this application if false or incorrect information is supplied.**