

DAAD In-Region Scholarship Programme Call for Applications for study in Division of Molecular Biology and Human Genetics, Stellenbosch University in 2023 (First stage)

Funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Application deadline: midnight (SAST), 13 March 2022

What is the scholarship for?

To allow students from **Sub-Saharan African countries** (excluding South Africa) to study towards an **MSc or PhD** degree at the **Division of Molecular Biology and Human Genetics, Stellenbosch University**, with the view to **train** individuals who plan to pursue a **career in teaching and / or research** at a higher education institution in Sub-Saharan Africa.



What will the scholarship pay for?

- Stipend (MSc: € 5,400 p.a.; PhD: € 6,000 p.a.)
- Research allowance
- Allowance for printing costs (final year of study)
- Travel allowances
- Health insurance
- Regular university fees

Scholarships are initially granted for one year and can be extended to a maximum of the regular period of study upon receipt of an application for extension. Scholars must demonstrate satisfactory progress before an extension is granted.

Application procedure

1. Read this call, as well as the DAAD call document and other important information, available on our website. To be redirected to the relevant page simply click [here](#).
2. Fill out the [online application form](#) and submit before the **submission deadline: midnight (SAST), 13 March 2022**.
3. Shortlisted candidates will be
 - a. Matched with supervisors*
 - b. Invited to formally apply to Stellenbosch University for admission*
 - c. Required to compete in a second stage of applications, for which PhD candidates should prepare a research proposal in collaboration with the assigned supervisor.
4. Successful candidates will be notified in due course and be expected to start their studies at MBHG in February 2023.

* Please note that being assigned to a supervisor, or obtaining admission to Stellenbosch University does not guarantee placement in the absence of student funding.

For enquiries contact mbhgapplications@sun.ac.za

Who is eligible?

Nationals or permanent residents from Sub-Saharan African countries (excluding South Africa) who -

- Have successfully completed the equivalent of a BSc Honours degree (MSc candidates) or a Master's degree (PhD candidates) with above average results (at least: Lower Second Class/2.2/>60%)
- Have thorough knowledge of the language of instruction (English)
- Have generally completed their last university degree not more than 6 years ago at the time of application
- Should generally be a) staff member of a public university, b) candidate considered for teaching or research staff recruitment, c) from the public sector, d) Alumni of the DAFI programme
- Clearly show motivation and strong commitment
- Female applicants and candidates from less privileged regions or groups are especially encouraged to participate in the programme.

Additional information

The Division of Molecular Biology and Human Genetics (MBHG) is focused on two main research fields, namely tuberculosis (TB) and inherited genetic disorders. These fields are further subdivided into 13 core research thrusts that conduct a spectrum of research that utilize innovative molecular techniques to bridge the gap between basic science and its clinical application.

For more information, please visit our [home page](#).