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Introduction



Welcome to the Postgraduate Office's Funding Booklet! This booklet contains the latest information on postgraduate student funding at Stellenbosch University.

We are aware of the changing realities facing postgraduate students when it comes to funding. It is therefore even more important that you apply timeously for any available scholarship opportunity. This booklet distinguishes between funding administered internally (i.e., structures within Stellenbosch University like the Postgraduate Office) funding administered independently or via external funding (i.e., bursaries from external companies or organisations).

Although this booklet contains information on all University administered bursaries for postgraduate students to undertake studies at Stellenbosch University (prospective and currently enrolled students), it is by no means an exhaustive list of all funding opportunities available. For bursaries managed outside the University, students should engage in their own research and contact funding organisations independently. More information on other sources of funding as well as external resources can be found at the end of the booklet.

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MEET THE PG FUNDING TEAM

The Postgraduate Funding team deals with a range of internal, external, private, company and statutory funding instruments. The team is also responsible for administering all departmental bursaries via all of our 10 faculties to all postgraduate scholarship recipients.

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GETTING STARTED

There are a few things that you need to know that will make your search, application, and scholarship acceptance much easier and save you some much time.

When to apply

Missing a deadline can mean that you will be unsuccessful, and this often happens when you wait for the outcome of your admission to the degree programme before applying for scholarship funding. Apply during the year preceding your registration. For instance, if you are going to be studying as a first year Master's student in 2023, then you must apply for funding during 2022. Tip: Applications normally start opening in April, so set those Google alerts as soon as possible.

Where to start

Start with a wide search and then narrow it down. Of course you must apply for our institutional funding opportunities, however, this should not be the only place that you apply. You must apply for as many external scholarships as you can.

- Start with a search on www.open4research.eu/stellenbosch and/or set up a Google alert.
- Visit various repositories and scholarship websites online; use them to set up mailing alerts or to join their mailing lists. This will bring all the information straight to your mobile device. It is definitely better to work smarter than harder! Thank us later.
- Note that the National Research Foundation, the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Medical Research Council, Agricultural Research Council, National Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences, etc., are statutory bodies which offer scholarships to postgraduate students in various fields and research areas.

**FOR ONLINE CONSULTATIONS:
VISIT WWW.SUN.AC.ZA/PGO/FUNDING**



STATUTORY FUNDING

NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The National Research Foundation (NRF) is the main funder of postgraduate studies in South Africa. The NRF offers partial and full-cost scholarships to Honours, Master's and Doctoral students. **Please visit www.nrf.ac.za for more information.**

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The National Research Foundation invites all 2022 postgraduate students full-time students not in salaried employment (contractual or permanent) while studying, to apply for funding support. You should apply for this funding opportunity even if you are not sure if you are going to be offered admission to your chosen degree programme.

The NRF minimum academic requirement for postgraduate funding is 65%. Applicants for Honours, Master's and Doctoral funding must be 28, 30 and 32 years of age or younger respectively in the year of application. Successful applicants will be funded either at Full Cost Study (FCS) or Partial Cost of Study (PCS). The FCS funding will be awarded to South African citizens and permanent residents only, who are either financially needy (i.e., those whose combined household family income is less or equal to R350 000 per annum), living with a disability or exceptional academic achievers. The PCS funding will be awarded to 5% of international students including South African citizens and permanent residents who could not be funded under FCS but meet other minimum requirements for the NRF scholarship funding criteria.

Values: Scholarships are available at partial or full cost.

Closing dates

Honours financial means test: **1 September 2022**

Honours General scholarships: **20 November 2022**

Honours SRAO scholarships: **31 July 2022**

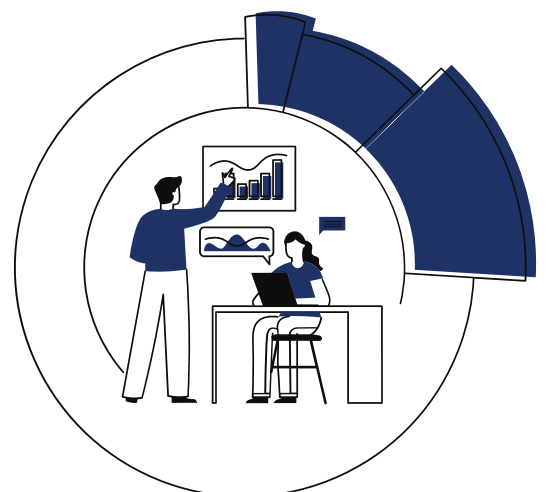
First-time Master's scholarships: **8 July 2022**

First-time Doctoral scholarships: **8 July 2022**

Master's and doctoral Extension Support: **15 August 2022**

NRF applications are completed online at:

<https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za>



NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

DAAD-NRF

All fields are funded. Applicants must be SA citizens or permanent residents. The programme targets candidates who are working towards a Master's or Doctoral degree. Preference will be given to full-time registered young South Africans or full-time SU staff members (SA citizens/SA permanent residence status) studying towards a Doctoral qualification.

For more information, visit www.nrf.ac.za

Scholarship Values

Partial and full-cost Master's and doctoral scholarships are offered.

Deadlines:

Master's: **8 July 2022**

Doctoral: **8 July 2022**

NUFFIC SPLIT-SITE MODE

Joint degree with a Dutch HEI and a partner university in South Africa. Doctoral studies only. Preference to vulnerable disciplines like statistics, mathematics, nursing, emerging research areas or where there exists a paucity of research infrastructure and/or suitably qualified supervisors in South Africa.

For more information, visit www.nrf.ac.za

Scholarship Values

Partial and full-cost doctoral scholarships are offered.

Deadline(s)

Doctoral - beginning of July



NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

WORLD ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (TWAS) (DOCTORAL)

The TWAS scholarship funds Doctoral studies in Science, Engineering and Technology. South African citizens are not eligible to apply. Applicants may not be living, working or studying in South Africa at the time of application. Individuals that will be in full-time salaried, contractual or permanent employment while pursuing Master's or Doctoral studies may not apply. Individuals that are on sabbatical leave from their employment (including those without paid sabbatical leave) may not apply.

For more information, visit www.nrf.ac.za

Scholarship Values:

Partial Doctoral Scholarships are offered

Deadline:

8 July 2022

SASAC (SOUTH AFRICAN SYSTEMS ANALYSIS CENTRE)

Systems analysis methodology and approach must be the central to the research study.

For more information, visit www.nrf.ac.za

Scholarship Values

Partial and full-cost Master's and doctoral scholarships are offered

Deadline:

8 July 2022

SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO ASTRONOMY OBSERVATORY

Applications for the SARAO Honours, Master's and Doctoral studies are to be completed online on the NRF submission system: <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za>

Honours

South African citizens and permanent residents. BSc Honours in Physics, Electronics, Astronomy or Astrophysics or Computer Science. Minimum of 65% for the major subjects in the final year of the undergraduate studies. Applicants must be 28 years of age, or younger.

Master's

South African citizens and permanent residents, AND citizens of Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia and Zambia. Studies must be relevant to scientific and technical goals of the SKA and MeerKAT radio telescopes. A minimum of 65% for all subjects at Honours level or 65% for all final year subjects of a four-year degree. Applicants must be 30 years or younger.

Doctoral

South African citizens and permanent residents, AND citizens of Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia and Zambia. Studies must be relevant to scientific and technical goals of the SKA and MeerKAT radio telescopes. A minimum of 65% for Master's. Applicants must be 30 years or younger.

Scholarship Values: Full-cost scholarships at Honours, Master's and doctoral level.

Deadline/s:

Honours - 31 July 2022

Master's - 8 July 2022

Doctoral - 8 July 2022

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CSIR INTER-BURSARY PROGRAMME

This inter-bursary programme is intended for full-time studies for Honours, Master's or PhD degrees at any South African public university. 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
- Biotechnology:
 - Biopharming
 - Bioprocessing
 - Biocatalysis
- Information and Communications Technology

Scholarship Values: Varies, refer to call document.

Deadline(s):

To be announced

Application forms will be published on www.sun.ac.za/pgo/funding

Useful Tips

All applications must be accompanied by the following supporting documents:

Proof of South African Identity Document (ID)

or Passport (for international students)

and Permanent Residency – Official and certified university degree certificates

Transcript of academic record indicating a minimum accumulative academic achievement in previous degree.

Recommendation letter by Supervisor (compulsory for Master's and Doctoral applicants)

Admission letter indicating full-time registration (if available).

This will be required if application is successful.

Reference letters (if available). This will be required if application is successful.





PRIVATE BURSARIES

HB & MJ THOM

The HB & MJ Thom Scholarship programme aims to reward positive post-matric leadership in the following fields: sport, cultural, academics, religion, etc.

Although not a requirement for the award, the University will give preference to applicants who, in addition to the stipulated conditions, obtained a good academic record in their previous degree/studies.

Two testimonials and a CV must be submitted together with the completed application form. In order to comply with the requirements, the applicant must indicate 3 exceptional achievements in at least 2 of the following leadership categories, i.e., participation in SU student leadership structures, sport, cultural activities/community involvement or leadership roles in religion.

Criteria:

- South African citizens only
- Full-time Honours, Master's and Doctoral studies
- All fields of study are considered

Scholarship values: Partial scholarships offered at Honours, Master's and doctoral level

Deadline

2 September 2022

and outcomes will be available by December of each year.

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The Harry Crossley Foundation is a private funding organisation operating in Cape Town with their main focus being on tertiary education and research.

Criteria:

- All fields except for Theology and Political Science
- Minimum academic average of 70% in previous degree obtained at a South African institution
- Research Master's and Doctoral degrees supported (weighted coursework no more than 50% of the programme structure)

Scholarship Values

- Master's - R110 000
- Doctoral - R130 000

Timelines

Applications will open on
<http://my.sun.ac.za>
on 15 June 2022

Deadline:

30 September 2022



PRIVATE BURSARIES

List of private bursaries and closing dates

SASOL - Stellenbosch University bursary

Full time Master's and Doctoral studies in Chemistry and Process Engineering

SA Citizens only

Deadline: March 2023

Outcome: end of May 2023

Enquiries: postgradfunding@sun.ac.za

Ernst Ethel and Eriksen Trust

Full time Master's and Doctoral studies (financial need considered)

Masters and Doctoral students in full-time study.

Apply on <http://eriksentrust.co.za>

SA Citizens only for study at a SA university, must have completed Honours to apply.

Opening around August 2022

Deadline: **30 September 2022**

List of Private Bursaries on SU Bursary System

- Opening date: **15 June 2022**
- Deadline: **2 December 2022**

Applications are to be completed online on <http://my.sun.ac.za>

Afrikaans - de Jager, CJ / de Villiers, Anna / Hymne Weiss / Hertzog, JBM General / Smith, JJ

Anthropology - Uys, Dirkie

Arts - de Klerk, DP

Botany - de Villiers, OT / Boonstra

Drama - Engelen, Fred

Education - La Grange, AJ / Pauw, DAA

Engineering - La Grange, Phillip (for Electronic Engineering) / Louw, Tienie (for Astronautical Engineering)

English - Victoria League (Honours student(s) who would like to focus on teaching of the English language)

Economics - Uys, Dirkie

History - Blommaert / Dekker, HP / Conradie, GD

Mathematics - Cillie

Psychology - La Grange, AJ

Political Science - Uys, Dirkie

Viticulture and Oenology - Theron, CJ



INSTITUTIONAL BURSARIES

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME (PSP)

A faculty-led collaborative scholarship programme which aims to support exceptional academic performers and students with financial need. The goal of this programme is to enhance the throughput of postgraduate students at SU from Honours to Doctoral level, with a strong emphasis on research.

Criteria

- Each faculty determines its academic requirement(s); typically a minimum of 65% average in your previous degree (or your major) is required.
- Students must intend to register for full-time studies (no part-time programmes are supported).
- Honours, Master's and Doctoral degrees are supported (excluding postgraduate diploma's, certificates or advanced bachelors degrees).
- Applicants may not be employed for more than 20 hours per week.
- Focus on further developing research excellence at our institution.

Scholarship Values

- Scholarships vary depending on availability of funding.
- Partial and full scholarships are available based on academic performance/financial need.
- Estimate values: around R50 000 - R150 000.

Timelines

Closing date: 31 October 2022. Call announcement TBC on www.sun.ac.za/pgo/funding
Outcomes are available in early January of the following year.

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You might be required to submit proof of application to Stellenbosch University for admission to the relevant degree programme. You will also be requested to submit a summary of your research proposal and supporting letters from your intended supervisor.



TRAVEL GRANTS

PGO OVERSEAS CONFERENCE GRANT (OCG)

The PGO Overseas Conference Grant (OCG) is a supplementary award to attend an international conference outside of South Africa to present a paper or poster. Due to COVID-19 disruptions, applicants can also apply to take place in virtual conferences. NB only valid costs will be covered.

Timelines

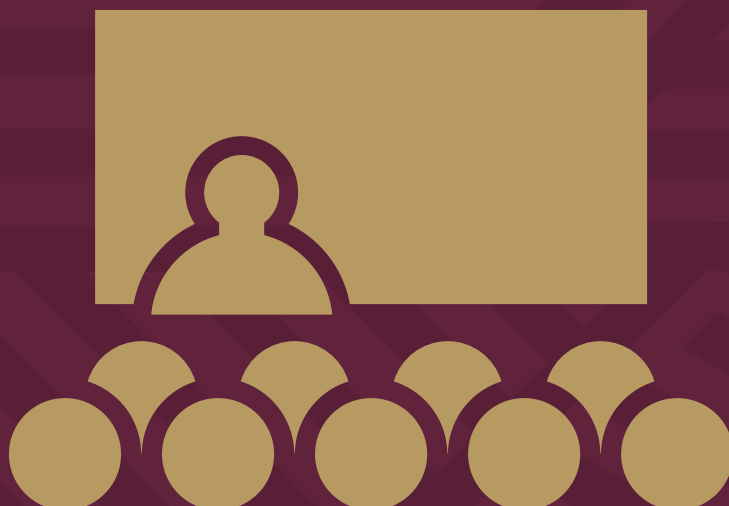
- Closing date 1 December of the prior year for attendance taking place between January - April following year.
- Closing date 1 March for attendance taking place between May-August.
- Closing date 1 July for September - December.

Criteria

- For full-time registered PhD students in their 3rd year. A full-time student is classified as one who works for remuneration for less than 15 hours per week (if at all) over a period of 10 months of a given calendar year.
- The support should supplement grants provided by other sources (e.g. Dean's fund), as this award should not exceed 50% of the total budget to a maximum of R15, 000.
- The applicant should submit proof of the acceptance of the presentation by the conference organizers.
- An applicant will only be eligible for a grant once during his/her postgraduate studies.

Application procedure

A scanned version of the application form with signatures and the required CV must be submitted electronically to Nugent Lewis (nugent@sun.ac.za). Application forms can be downloaded from: www.sun.ac.za/pgo/funding



OPEN 4 RESEARCH

Welcome to the Stellenbosch University Open 4 Research platform for the identification of international research funding opportunities.

The Open4Research repository houses thousands of funding opportunities from around the world. Postgraduate students (with an @sun.ac.za email) can easily filter and search using keywords and narrow down opportunities to cover the costs of their studies, conference attendance and other budgetary expenses.

Visit the website for more information:

<https://www.open4research.eu/stellenbosch>

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