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The Postgraduate Office at Stellenbosch University (SU) produces the Guide to Postgraduate Student Funding. The booklet contains information of sources of internal (managed by SU) and external (managed by independent organisations) funding opportunities in order to assist postgraduate students financially (at Honours, Master's and Doctorate level). The publication and its information are relevant and applicable to the years in which the bursary or scholarship information is tenable, or as indicated. While extreme care has been taken to ensure accuracy and detailed information about bursaries, the publishers take no responsibility for any personal losses or inconveniences experienced due to usage of this guide. All information contained is accurate at the time of print. It remains the responsibility of the reader to act according to the info provided in the guide. Unless otherwise stated, the Postgraduate Office does not act as liaison between a student and an external funding organisation.

About the Publishers

The Postgraduate Office (PGO) is a central support and liaison office for postgraduate students. The PGO seeks to create enabling postgraduate environments in the faculties and support service divisions, thereby improving the overall quality of the research experience for postgraduate students. It approaches its task as an institutional roleplayer, making input on appropriate forums in the interest of improving the processes that govern the postgraduate lifecycle. The PGO focusses on PG Enrolment Support, PG Funding and Support and PG Skills Development and Support. The PGO works with academic, support service environments, and develops the necessary mechanisms via the relevant decision-making bodies so that the comprehensive academic and support services provision remains optimal and continues to comply with international standards.

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About the University

Stellenbosch University, as one of Africa's foremost research institutions, is one of 26 Higher Education Institution (HEI) in South Africa and is located in the heart of the Cape Winelands region. The University has 10 (ten) faculties across 5 (five) campuses and present programmes from undergraduate level through to PhD in all these faculties. With the exception of Military Sciences (one of the ten faculties), international students can study in all faculties from undergraduate to PhD level.

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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 in particular. It is therefore even more important that you apply timeously for any available funding. This booklet distinguishes between funding administered internally (that is, by structures within Stellenbosch University: the Postgraduate Office) and independently administered or 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), this booklet is not an exhaustive list of all funding opportunities available. For bursaries managed outside the university, students should engage in their own research and make contact with funding organisations independently. More information on other sources of funding as well as external resources can be found at the end of the booklet.

It is important for students to note that although scholarships are received, there are certain responsibilities that remain theirs:

- 1. Payment of Academic Fees: Payment of registration and tuition fees remains the responsibility of the student.
- 2. <u>Application for bursaries:</u> Bursaries are not automatically awarded, but are allocated according to set criteria. Applications should be submitted by stipulated closing dates.
- 3. <u>Contracts</u>: When a student accepts a bursary, the bursary institution will require him / her to enter into a contract. Please ensure you understand the terms and conditions.
- 4. Follow up after application: Within 10 working days after bursary closing date, if you have not received acknowledgement receipt of application, please enquire.
- 5. Renewal: Where a particular bursary allows for a renewal, an application should be made by the announced closing date.
- 6. Updating details: Please ensure that any change of address or email address or any contact numbers is recorded at Student Records.

While the university aims to assist postgraduate students by providing financial support to deserving students based on academic merit and financial need, it should be noted that funding from the University at postgraduate level is limited. The PGO will ask, in certain circumstances, for students to show proof of application for external funding sources when applying for SU funding at postgraduate level, i.e proof of NRF application. **International students should not rely on obtaining funds in the R.S.A.** but should seek funding in their country of origin before coming to Stellenbosch University.

FUNDING MANAGED BY STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY

Important Funding Conditions

The number of bursaries available is limited.

- Bursaries based on academic merit are awarded in competition,
- In the case of bursaries based on financial need, such need is ascertained by the means test, and awards considered accordingly, along with academic achievement.

SU reserves the right to cancel an award, to make no awards at all and to effect changes to the conditions of the award. Applicants are given every assurance that changes will only be made in compelling circumstances.

Please note that as of January 2018, the Postgraduate Merit bursaries (where bursaries are awarded when students obtained 75% and more in previous degrees) are no longer available and no new applications will be considered.

In awarding bursaries, the University uses a range of criteria specific to each bursary being applied for. It is therefore necessary to consult each specific bursary to view all available funding and their criteria. There are however some general guidelines as to eligibility for bursaries administered by Stellenbosch University:

- The University places a limitation on the bursary amounts that students can hold. This limitation is reviewed annually. The current limitation is as follow: Honours (R150 000), Master's (R250 000), PhD (R300 000). The limitation does not mean students should expect to receive bursaries to that amount.
- Candidates already in possession of a qualification on the same level or higher than the one support is being sought for, are not eligible to apply for bursaries.
- Should a student receive a provisional award for an intended degree but fails to register for that degree but instead registers for a degree at the same level they currently hold, the award will subsequently cancelled.
- Incomplete applications submitted without supporting documents will be disqualified and not considered.

Kindly note the following [typical] years of support that you can receive funding from the PGO / external funders:

- Honours (Fulltime) I year of support
- Masters (fulltime) 2 years of support
- Doctoral (fulltime) -3 years of support

Bursary Application Process

STEP 1: Preparation: Do research on available bursaries: those administered by SU and those independently awardedBe aware of the stipulated closing dates.

STEP 2: Application: Understand the bursary criteria and conditions. Always submit applications timeously – before the closing date. Submit supporting documents as I PDF combined file

STEP 3: Notification of outcome: Applications for funding do not guarantee receipt. Bursary applications are reviewed by panels. After review, the student will be notified of outcome.

STEP 4: Follow-up and renewal: Within 10 working days after bursary closing date, if you have not received acknowledgement receipt of application, please enquire. Where renewal of a bursary is possible, please ensure you apply timeously.

Open4Research Scholarship Database

• www.open4research.eu

- · Register once off with your @sun email address and use any password
- · Use the "Search for funding" and/or "Browse funding" options for a wide range of funding opportunities
- For some of the most recent research funding opportunities highlighted by Open 4 Research, refer to "News" or "Funding news"
- · Refer to "Help & advice" for more details on how to search
- · Contact research@sun.ac.za for enquiries

Postgraduate Support Bursary

General information

Allocation of funds is subject to availability. The Postgraduate Support 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. Bursaries are paid, after receipt of the signed Declaration and completed agreement(s), around March. Please note that students with financial need are classified as those with a total gross annual family income of no more than R350 000.00. Students who experience financial problems because of lifestyle choices (housing, transport, education of offspring) do not qualify as such. NOTE: The NRF offers full-cost bursaries to students based on financial need and qualifying students are expected to apply for this opportunity in addition to the Postgraduate Support Bursary.

Eligibility

ONLY for South African citizens. The Postgraduate Support Bursary is a resource for extremely financially needy students registered with the University for postgraduate programmes (Postgraduate diploma, Honours, Master's or Doctoral degree). This scheme is available to full-time and part-time postgraduate students. Part-time students qualify for a smaller amount. It is awarded on extreme financial need. Financial need is determined by a means test that takes the following into consideration:

- Family income
- Other bursaries received
- Family size
- Home Consumers' Index

There is no predetermined cut-off point for family income, but it can generally be accepted that a student will not be assisted from the fund if family income is such that a commercial bank will accept the breadwinner(s) as surety for a study loan.

How to apply

Application should be done electronically via the student portal http://my.sun.ac.za from I June 2020. Closing date is 30 September 2020. Applicants must email their application with supporting documents [all supporting documents as one (I) PDF] to postgradfunding@sun.ac.za

Private Bursaries

Fields of Study	Bursary	Apply	Closing Date	Value
	De Jager, CJ	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the Private Bursary table	First Friday in December	Amount varies due to availability of funds
	De Villiers, Anna	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the Private Bursary table	First Friday in December	Amount varies due to availability of funds
Afrikaans	Hertzog, JBM General	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the Private Bursary table	First Friday in December	Amount varies due to availability of funds
	Smith, JJ	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the Private Bursary table	First Friday in December	Amount varies due to availability of funds
Anthropology	Uys, Dirkie	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the Private Bursary table	First Friday in December	Amount varies due to availability of funds
Arts	De Klerk, DP	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the Private Bursary table	First Friday in December	Amount varies due to availability of funds. Granted alternatively for Arts and Urology for research or a study trip abroad.
All fields of study except Theology and Political Science	Harry Crossley Foundation Must have a minimum of 70% in previous degree. Applicants'	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the Private Bursary table	30 September	20 -30 awards. Limited awards (2-3) available for international students who obtained their

	thesis component must amount to at least 50% of their total			previous degree at a SA
	credits.			university.
				Master's @ R110,000.00,
				PhD @ R130,000.00
	Thom, HB & MJ			
All fields of study	Criteria of award include: good moral values, 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 applications who, in addition to the stipulated conditions, obtained a good academic record in their previous degree/studies. Two testimonials verifying complying with the criteria must accompany the application form (available on our website).	Application form available on our website or at Postgraduate Student Funding Office	4 September	8-10 awards. Hons @ R45,000.00, Master's @ R55,000.00 and PhD @ R70,000.00
	De Villiers, OT	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the Private Bursary table	First Friday in December	Amount varies due to availability of funds
Botany	Boonstra	To apply, visit the web		Amount varies due to
	(Awarded in consultation with donors to SA citizens for	address at the end of the	First Friday in December	availability of funds.
	Hons BSc, MSc, PhD and DSc. The bursary is renewable.)	Private Bursary table		availability of fullus.
Chemistry	SASOL / SU	Applications must be furnished in writing in English in the form of a memorandum (full names, identity number, course/programme, schools attended, cultural or student activities, etc. should be stated). A written	16 March in the year of studies	Amount varies due to availability of funds

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		recommendation by the		
		supervisor is also to be		
		enclosed. Applicants must		
		be South African nationals.		
		The awards are made in		
		consultation with Sasol.		
	Engelen, Fred	To apply, visit the web		Amount varies due to
Drama	Lingeren, i reu	address at the end of the	First Friday in December	availability of funds
		Private Bursary table		availability of funds
	La Grange, AJ	To apply, visit the web		A
	La Grange, Aj	address at the end of the	First Friday in December	Amount varies due to
Education		Private Bursary table		availability of funds
Education		To apply, visit the web		
	Pauw, PAA	address at the end of the	First Friday in December	Amount varies due to
		Private Bursary table		availability of funds
		Applications must be		
		furnished in writing in		
		English in the form of a		
		memorandum (full names,		
		identity number,		
		course/programme, schools		
Farinassias	SASOL / SU	attended, cultural or	16 March in the year of	Amount varies due to
Engineering	For Chemical Engineering	student activities, etc.	studies	availability of funds
		should be stated). A written		
		recommendation by the		
		supervisor is also to be		
		enclosed. Applicants must		
		be South African nationals.		
		The awards are made in		

		consultation with Sasol.		
	La Grange, Phillip For Electronic Engineering	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the Private Bursary table	First Friday in December	Amount varies due to availability of funds
	Louw, Tienie For Aeronautical Engineering (For study in SA or abroad. Preference given to a gifted student recommended by supervisor).	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the Private Bursary table	First Friday in December	Amount varies due to availability of funds
English	Victoria League (Available for an Honours student who would like to specialize in the teaching of the English language.)	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the Private Bursary table	First Friday in December	One (I) bursary. Amount varies due to availability of funds
Economics	Uys, Dirkie	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the Private Bursary table	First Friday in December	Amount varies due to availability of funds
	Blommaert	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the Private Bursary table	First Friday in December	Amount varies due to availability of funds
History	Dekker, HP	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the Private Bursary table	First Friday in December	Amount varies due to availability of funds
	Conradie, GD	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the Private Bursary table	First Friday in December	Amount varies due to availability of funds
Mathematics	Cillié	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the Private Bursary table	First Friday in December	Amount varies due to availability of funds

Psychology	La Grange, AJ	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the Private Bursary table	First Friday in December	Amount varies due to availability of funds
Political Science	Uys, Dirkie	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the Private Bursary table	First Friday in December	Amount varies due to availability of funds
Viticulture and Oenology	Theron, CJ	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the Private Bursary table	First Friday in December	Amount varies due to availability of funds

• The website to visit in order to apply for bursaries (requires login): http://my.sun.ac.za

Click POSTGRADUATE

Click ACCOUNTS AND BURSARIES

Click BURSARIES AND FUNDING: Apply

Choose APPLY NOW

Proceed

Complete **ALL SIX (6) STEPS, PRINT** and sent the completed application forms.

• You can also visit: www.sun.ac.za/pgo/funding for a link to the Postgraduate Student Funding section.

Statutory Council (Government) Funding

Scholarship	Broad Fields of Study	Citizenship	Values and Supplementation
NRF General Scholarship: Total Cost Study (Exceptional Achievers) 75% Average and above NRF General Scholarship: Total Cost Study Students with Disability and Financially Needy- Previously NSFAS or ISFAP funded OR Subject to ISFAP Means Test 65% Average minimum NRF General Scholarship: Partial Cost Study 65% Average minimum	Accounting, Actuarial Science, Agricultural Sciences, Astronomy, Auditing, Bioinformatics, Biotechnology, Cellular and Molecular Biology, Chemistry, Climate Change, Computer science, Demography, Drug Discovery and Development, Earth Sciences, Earth Observation, Ecology, Economic Sciences, Education, Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Financial Management, Functional Genomics, Geology, Global Change, Society and Sustainability, Health Sciences, Information Science, Information Systems, Indigenous Knowledge Systems, Law, Mathematical Sciences, Marine Sciences, Medicinal Plant, Medical sciences, Nanotechnology, Nuclear Technologies in Medicine and Biosciences, Palaeosciences, Polar Science, Physics, Renewable Energy, Social Science and Humanities, Space Science, Statistics, Transportation Studies and Tourism.	ONLY South African citizens and permanent residents only ONLY South African citizens and permanent residents only South African citizens, permanent residents and 5% of international students	Honours: R 149 000 pa Masters: R 167 000 pa Doctoral: R 175 000 pa The FCS will cover tuition, accommodation, living allowance, meal allowance and a once-off allowance for study resource material such as an electronic device (once-off) Students on FCS may not receive another FCS scholarship from any other government or private sector funder. If a student receives a merit award from their institution, the NRF funding will also be reduced accordingly, so that the FCS is covered. Honours: R 100 000 pa Masters: R 100 000 pa Doctoral: R 90 000 pa The PCS will cover tuition and accommodation costs only. If a student receives financial support from another source, NRF PG funding may be awarded, however, the allocations must be reduced accordingly. Students receiving PCS funding from the NRF may receive top-up funding from another source provided that the total funding received by a student from the NRF

			the FCS funding.
DAAD-NRF	All fields of study	South African citizens and individuals with permanent residence	Masters: R 167 000 pa (TCS) Doctoral: R 175 000 pa (TCS) Masters: R 100 000 pa (PCS) Doctoral: R 90 000 pa (PCS) Same Supplementation rules apply under General Scholarship for TCS and PCS
Nuffic Split-site mode Joint degree with a Dutch HEI and a Partner University in South Africa Doctoral study only	All fields of study. Preference will also be given to applications to obtain a Doctoral degree in a vulnerable discipline such as Statistics, Mathematics and Nursing, emerging research areas or where there exists a paucity of research infrastructure and/or suitably qualified supervisors in South Africa.	South African citizens and permanent residents with an ID number. Preference will be given to SA citizens	R 175 000 pa (TCS) R 90 000 pa (PCS) Same Supplementation rules apply under General Scholarship for TCS and PCS
SASAC (South African Systems Analysis Centre)	All disciplines, but with a Systems Analysis methodology and approach being applied to the research topic.	South African citizens, individuals with permanent residence and Foreign Nationals	Masters: R 167 000 pa (TCS) Doctoral: R 175 000 pa (TCS) Masters: R 100 000 pa (PCS) Doctoral: R 90 000 pa (PCS) Same Supplementation rules apply under General Scholarship for TCS and PCS
TWAS Doctoral study only	Science, Engineering and Technology (SET)	Citizens and permanent residents from 66 priority countries developing countries in and outside Africa. South Africans are not eligible to apply	R 90 000 pa The NRF will also cover cheapest return economy flight and the visa and/or study permit costs Same Supplementation rules apply under General Scholarship for PCS
Eligibility		Period of Support	How to apply
Minimum academic a Full-time study only	verage of 65%	Honours: I year Masters: 2 years	Honours: Application: https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za

 Applicants with Full-time employment, permanent employment, contract employment are NOT eligible to apply Applicants who already have a qualification on the same level are not eligible. Individuals that are on <u>sabbatical leave from their current employment</u> may not apply for NRF Postgraduate Funding. 	Doctoral: 3 years Candidates applying for support of 2nd year of Masters studies will be supported for 1 year only. Renewals are subject to the	SU closing dates: I September 2020 (students completing the ISFAP consent form to undergo a Meanstest 30 October 2020 (Other applications) Doctoral: Application: https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za
	submission of a satisfactory progress report supported by your supervisor.	SU closing date: 3 July 2020
	by your supervisor.	Masters: Application: https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za
		SU closing date: 18 June 2020

Scholarship	Fields of Study	Citizenship	Supplementation
SARAO	Honours: Physics and Electronics, Astronomy, Astrophysics, Computer Science	South African citizens and individuals with permanent	Honours: R 148 000
	https://www.sarao.ac.za/approved-masters-research-projects-for-2021/	residence; Citizens of Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar,	Masters: R 142 000 Doctoral: R163 000
	https://www.sarao.ac.za/approved-doctoral-research-projects-2021/	Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia and Zambia	
Eligibility		Period of Support	How to apply
Minimum academic a	verage of 65%	Honours: I year	Honours: Apply online: https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za
Full-time study only		Masters: 2 years	SU closing date: 3 August 2020
 Applicants with Full-time employment, permanent employment, contract employment are NOT eligible to apply 		Doctoral: 3 years Candidates applying for	Masters & Doctoral: Apply online: https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za
Applicants who alrea	dy have a qualification on the same level are not eligible.	support of 2nd year of Masters studies will be	SU closing date:
• Individuals that are on sabbatical leave from their current employment may not apply for		supported for 1 year only.	Masters: 18 June 2020 Doctoral: 3 July 2020
NRF Postgraduate Fu	ınding.	Renewals are subject to the submission of a satisfactory progress report supported by your supervisor.	

Scholarship	Fields of Study	Value	Supplementation
CSIR -DSI Interbursary Programme	 Aerospace Composites Modelling and Digital Sciences (data science, biometrics, cybersecurity and so forth) Microsystems Technology Titanium (Manufacturing Elements) Photonics (free space communication, fibre-optics, laser welding and optics) Biotechnology (Bio-pharming, bio-processing and biocatalysis) Information and Communications Technology IKS (Indigenous Knowledge Systems) Health 	Honours: R75 000 p.a Masters: R 100 000 p.a Doctoral: R 130 000 p.a	Scholarship holders are allowed to hold supplementary bursaries, grants or emoluments up to the university maximum. • Scholarships may not be held simultaneously with a bursary / scholarship from any other government or NRF source or NRF administered source. • Scholarship holders may not hold full-time salaried employment during the tenure of the scholarship.
Eligibility		Period of Support	How to apply
 For full-time study Applicants who already have a 	a qualification on the same level are not eligible.	Honours: I year Masters: 2 years	Applications can be downloaded: https://www.csir.co.za/dsi%E2%80%93csir-inter-bursary-support-programme
		Doctoral: 3 years Candidates applying for support of 2nd year of Masters studies will be supported for 1 year only.	Scanned application sent via email HCD-INTERBURSARY@csir.co.za Application closing date: To be announced

Travel Grants

Grant Type	Name and Details	Criteria	Application
Conference Attendance	Overseas Conference Grant The PGO Overseas Conference Grant (OCG) is a	 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. 	To apply: I. A scanned version of the application form with signatures and the required CV must be submitted electronically to
	supplementary award to attend an international conference outside of South Africa to present a paper or poster.	 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. 	Nugent Lewis (nugent@sun.ac.za) 2. Only applications for the
	Three cycles and deadlines: • Closing date 30 Sept of preceding year for Jan – Apr	3. The applicant should submit proof of the acceptance of the presentation by the conference organizers.4. An applicant will only be eligible for a grant once during	relevant award cycle will be considered (see dates of the award cycles and corresponding closing dates on the application
	following year. • Closing date 30 March for	his/her postgraduate studies. 5. Preference will be given to:	form). 3. The applicant must ensure that
	May – Aug. • Closing date 30 June for Sept – Dec.	 Applicants with no funding from other grant schemes (e.g. Focus Areas, Thuthuka, capacity development, industrial contracts). Applicants invited to deliver oral presentations. Applicants who have not attended other international conferences abroad during the past two years. 	the application form is complete, with all the required documents attached. Incomplete applications will not be considered. 4. Please note that the awards are
		6. If more than one applicant from the same Department applies for this support to attend the same conference, only one award will be given to the Department, and funding could be awarded at the discretion of the Dean and relevant Chair, either to one of the applicants, or divided among applicants.	made on a competitive basis and that limited funding is available.

SCHOLARSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES RESOURCES

Bursaries and Loans booklet (Part 2 of Stellenbosch University's Calendar)

The Bursaries and Loans booklet is a booklet summarizing all bursaries and loans managed by Stellenbosch University for undergraduate and postgraduate students and is updated and re-printed annually. The booklet is available at the Postgraduate Office, and in the Administration A Building of the University.

Postgraduate Student Funding booklet (print and electronic versions)

The PGSF booklet is compiled and printed on an annual basis, subject to review and renewal of content. The printed booklet can be accessed at the Postgraduate Student Funding Office, on the third floor of the R.W. Wilcocks Building. The booklet can also be accessed on the website of the Postgraduate Student Funding and Support webpage: www.sun.ac.za/pgo/funding.

Take Note newsletter

From time to time the SU International Office collates and publishes information on scholarships and opportunities administered by Stellenbosch as well as independently, in a bi-monthly Scholarships and Opportunities newsletter. To receive updates on such opportunities, you can subscribe to the mailing list sending an email to: interweb@sun.ac.za

Postgraduate Times

This monthly newsletter will include links to current funding opportunities. You will also receive up-to-date information as this relates to postgraduate studies in general.

Postgraduate Newsletter

Important websites and resources

www.sun.ac.za/pgo/funding www.ScholarshipPositions.com www.GoAbroad.com zabursaries.co.za allbursaries.co.za