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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.

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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.

Stellenbosch University has 30283 students (in June 2017) of which postgraduate students comprise 34%.

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# INTRODUCTION

This booklet contains information on postgraduate student funding at Stellenbosch University. It distinguishes between funding administered internally (that is, by structures within Stellenbosch University: the Postgraduate Student Funding 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. Application for bursaries: Bursaries are not automatically awarded, but are allocated according to set criteria. Applications should be submitted by stipulated closing dates.
3. Contracts: 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 based on academic merit and financial need to deserving students, it should be noted that funding from the University at postgraduate level cannot be guaranteed. Students are advised to plan their finances carefully and to check whether or not they meet the basic requirements before applying for a bursary. They should also ensure that there are additional backup plans in terms of funding.

**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.**

**Students can subscribe to the Take Note newsletter that contains information on university and independently administered scholarships and opportunities for undergraduate and postgraduate students. Subscribe by sending an email to [interweb@sun.ac.za](mailto:interweb@sun.ac.za).**

# 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 follows: Honours (R130 000), Master's (R210 000), PhD (R275 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 be cancelled.**
- Incomplete applications submitted without supporting documents will be disqualified and not considered.
- Late applications will be processed according to the policy approved by the University.

## Bursary Application Process

STEP 1: Preparation: Do research on available bursaries: those administered by SU and those independently awarded. Consult the Grants register. Be aware of the stipulated closing dates.

STEP 2: Application: Understand the bursary criteria and conditions. Always submit applications timeously.

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.

# 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 financial planning, in March. Please note that students with financial need are classified as those with a total gross annual family income of no more than R250 000.00. Students who experience financial problems because of lifestyle choices (housing, transport, education of offspring) do not qualify as such.

## Eligibility

The Postgraduate Support Bursary is a resource for extremely financially needy students registered with the University for postgraduate programmes a postgraduate diploma, an 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 **1 July**. Closing date is **28 September**.

# Private Bursaries

Fields of Study	Bursary	Apply	Closing Date	Value
<b>Afrikaans</b>	<b>De Jager, CJ</b>	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
	<b>De Villiers, Anna</b>	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
	<b>Hertzog, JBM General</b>	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
	<b>Smith, JJ</b>	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
<b>Anthropology</b>	<b>Uys, Dirkie</b>	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
<b>Arts</b>	<b>De Klerk, DP</b>	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.
<b>All fields of study except Theology and Political Science</b>	<b>HARRY CROSSLEY</b> (limited awards (2-3) available for international students)	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the Private Bursary table	20 September	20 -30 awards. Master's @ R100,000.00,

	who obtained their previous degree at a SA university)			PhD @ R120,000.00
<b>All fields of study</b>	<p><b>Thom, HB &amp; MJ</b></p> <p>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).</p>	Application form available on our website or at Postgraduate Student Funding Office	7 September	8-10 awards. Hons @ R45,000.00, Master's @ R55,000.00 and PhD @ R70,000.00
<b>Botany</b>	<b>De Villiers, OT</b>	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
	<p><b>Boonstra</b></p> <p>(Awarded in consultation with donors to SA citizens for Hons BSc, MSc, PhD and DSc. The bursary is renewable.)</p>	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.
<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>SASOL / SU</b>	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 recommendation by the supervisor is also to be enclosed. Applicants must	End March	Amount varies due to availability of funds

		be South African nationals. The awards are made in consultation with Sasol.		
<b>Drama</b>	<b>Engelen, Fred</b>	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
<b>Education</b>	<b>La Grange, AJ</b>	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
	<b>Pauw, PAA</b>	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
<b>Engineering</b>	<b>SASOL / SU</b> For Chemical Engineering	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 recommendation by the supervisor is also to be enclosed. Applicants must be South African nationals. The awards are made in consultation with Sasol.	End March in the year of studies	Amount varies due to availability of funds
	<b>La Grange, Phillip</b> For Electronic Engineering	To apply, visit the web address at the end of the	First Friday in December	Amount varies due to availability of funds

		Private Bursary table		
	<b>Louw, Tienie</b> 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
<b>English</b>	<b>Victoria League</b> (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	1 bursary. Amount varies due to availability of funds
<b>Economics</b>	<b>Uys, Dirkie</b>	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
<b>History</b>	<b>Blommaert</b>	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
	<b>Dekker, HP</b>	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
	<b>Conradie, GD</b>	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
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Cillié</b>	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
<b>Psychology</b>	<b>La Grange, AJ</b>	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

<b>Political Science</b>	<b>Uys, Dirkie</b>	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
<b>Viticulture and Oenology</b>	<b>Theron, CJ</b>	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](http://www.sun.ac.za/pgo/funding) for a link to the Postgraduate Student Funding section.

# Statutory Council (Government) Funding

Scholarship	Broad Fields of Study	Value	Supplementation
<b>NRF FREESTANDING SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<p>Astronomy, Bioinformatics*, Biotechnology, Cellular and Molecular Biology, Chemistry, Climate Change*, Computer science, Drug Discovery and Development*, Earth Sciences, Earth Observation*, Ecology, Education, Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Functional Genomics*, Global Change, Society and Sustainability*, Health Sciences, Information Science, Indigenous Knowledge Systems*, Law, Mathematical Sciences, Marine Sciences*, Medicinal Plant Research*, Medical sciences, Nanotechnology*, Nuclear Technologies in Medicine and Biosciences*, Palaeosciences*, Physics; Renewable Energy*, Social Science and Humanities; and Space Science*.</p> <p><b>Priority Research Areas*</b></p>	<p><b>Honours:</b> R 30 000 p.a  <b>Masters:</b> R 50 000 p.a  <b>Doctoral:</b> R 70 000 p.a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarship holders are allowed to hold supplementary bursaries, grants or emoluments up to the university maximum.</li> <li>• Scholarships may not be held simultaneously with a bursary / scholarship from any other government or NRF source or NRF administered source.</li> <li>• Scholarship holders may not hold full-time salaried employment during the tenure of the scholarship.</li> </ul>
<b>NRF SCARCE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP</b>		<p><b>Honours:</b> R 60 000 p.a  <b>Masters:</b> R 90 000 p.a  <b>Doctoral:</b> R 120 000 p.a</p>	
<b>DST/NRF INNOVATION SCHOLARSHIP</b>		<p><b>Honours:</b> R60 000 p.a  <b>Masters:</b> R90 000 p.a  <b>Doctoral:</b> R120 000 p.a</p>	
<b>DAAD-NRF</b>		<p><b>Masters:</b> R 80 000 p.a.  <b>PhD:</b> R 110 000 p.a.</p>	
Eligibility	Period of Support	How to apply	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full-time study only</li> <li>• Applicants with Full-time employment, permanent employment, contract employment is NOT eligible to apply</li> <li>• Applicants who will upgrade their Master's registration to Doctoral registration and who have an indication of the envisaged dates of upgrading and commencement of doctoral studies.</li> <li>• Applicants who already have a qualification on the same level are not eligible.</li> </ul> <p><i>Preference is given to students that meet the following criteria:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students that obtained an <b>average mark of 65%</b> and above in their previous degree(s);</li> </ul>	<p><b>Honours:</b> 1 year</p> <p><b>Masters:</b> 2 years</p> <p><b>Doctoral:</b> 3 years            Candidates applying for support of 2nd year of Masters studies will be supported for 1 year only.</p>	<p><b>Honours:</b>            Application: <a href="https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za">https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za</a>            Update CV information on:  <a href="https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za">https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za</a>            SU closing date: <b>Contact PG Funding Office</b></p> <p><b>Masters &amp; Doctoral:</b>            Application: <a href="https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za">https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za</a>            Update CV information on:  <a href="https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za">https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za</a>            SU closing date: <b>8 June 2018</b></p>	

- Students that have **received an NRF scholarship for Honours' or Masters studies and/or** who are **currently funded for postgraduate studies by the NRF;** and
- Students that have completed their **previous degree within the minimum prescribed period** and/or that will be **completing their current postgraduate degree within regulation time.**

**According to the Targets set in the Ministerial Guidelines namely:**

- 87% South African citizens and permanent residents.
- 80% black (African, Coloured and Indian).
- 5% students from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region; 4% students from the rest of Africa; 4% students from non-African countries
- 55% Female
- 4% students living with a disability

*\*In all the scholarship categories, (except for the NRF-TWAS Doctoral), priority will be given to financially needy, yet academically capable applicants who were previously funded by the NSFAS and/or University Financial Aid. This does not exclude applicants who were not previously funded by NSFAS and/or University Financial Aid from receiving postgraduate funding from the NRF.*

Scholarship	Fields of Study	Value	Supplementation
<b>SKA</b>	Astronomy, Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics, Mechanical Engineering, Electric and Electronic Engineering	<b>Honours:</b> R 131 000 <b>Masters:</b> R 119 000 <b>Doctoral:</b> R 136 000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarship holders are allowed to hold supplementary bursaries, grants or emoluments with unlimited values.</li> <li>• Scholarships may not be held simultaneously with a bursary / scholarship from any other government or NRF source or NRF administered source.</li> <li>• Scholarship holders may not hold full-time salaried employment during the tenure of the scholarship.</li> <li>• Will be allowed to undertake a maximum of 12 hours of teaching, tutorials, assistance or demonstration duties per week on average during the year of study.</li> </ul>
Eligibility		Period of Support	How to apply
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South African citizenship and permanent residents(Applicable to Honours study ONLY)</li> </ul> <p><b>Masters and Doctoral</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South African citizens, and permanent residents of South Africa, who wish to complete a relevant PhD or MSc degree at a South African university.</li> <li>• Citizens of Namibia, Zambia, Botswana, Mozambique, Madagascar, Mauritius, Kenya and Ghana, who wish to complete a relevant PhD or MSc degree at a South African university.</li> <li>• South African citizens and citizens of Namibia, Zambia, Botswana, Mozambique, Madagascar, Mauritius, Kenya and Ghana, who wish to complete a relevant PhD or MSc degree at a university in an SKA SA partner country (Namibia, Zambia, Botswana, Mozambique, Madagascar, Mauritius, Kenya and Ghana).</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants who already have a qualification on the same level are not eligible.</li> <li>• Fulltime employees at Higher Education Institutions are not eligible to apply.</li> </ul>		<p><b>Honours:</b> 1 year</p> <p><b>Masters:</b> 2 years</p> <p><b>Doctoral:</b> 3 years Candidates applying for support of 2nd year of Masters studies will be supported for 1 year only.</p>	<p><b>Honours:</b> Apply online: <a href="https://skagrants.nrf.ac.za">https://skagrants.nrf.ac.za</a> SU closing date: <b>To be announced</b></p> <p><b>Masters &amp; Doctoral:</b> Application: <a href="https://skagrants.nrf.ac.za">https://skagrants.nrf.ac.za</a> Update CV information on: <a href="https://skagrants.nrf.ac.za">https://skagrants.nrf.ac.za</a> SKA and SU closing date: <b>To be announced</b></p>

Scholarship	Fields of Study	Value	Supplementation
<b>CSIR –DST Interbursary Programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aerospace</li> <li>• Composites</li> <li>• Modelling and Digital Sciences</li> <li>• Microsystems Technology</li> <li>• Titanium (Manufacturing Elements)</li> <li>• Photonics</li> <li>• Biotechnology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Biopharming</li> <li>○ Bioprocessing</li> <li>○ Biocatalysis</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Information and Communications Technology</li> </ul>	<b>Honours:</b> R60 000 p.a <b>Masters:</b> R 90 000 p.a <b>Doctoral:</b> R 120 000 p.a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarship holders are allowed to hold supplementary bursaries, grants or emoluments up to the university maximum.</li> <li>• Scholarships may not be held simultaneously with a bursary / scholarship from any other government or NRF source or NRF administered source.</li> <li>• Scholarship holders may not hold full-time salaried employment during the tenure of the scholarship.</li> </ul>
Eligibility		Period of Support	How to apply
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For full-time study</li> <li>• Applicants who already have a qualification on the same level are not eligible.</li> </ul>		<b>Honours:</b> 1 year  <b>Masters:</b> 2 years  <b>Doctoral:</b> 3 years  Candidates applying for support of 2nd year of Masters studies will be supported for 1 year only.	Scanned application sent via email  Application closing date: <b>To be announced</b>
Scholarship	Fields of Study	Value	Supplementation
<b>MRC</b>	Biochemistry, Pharmacology, Toxicology, Molecular modelling, Medical Sciences, Immunology, and all other disciplines aligned to health and allied sciences in general.	<b>Masters:</b> R 80 000 p.a <b>Doctoral:</b> R 110 000 p.a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarship holders are allowed to hold supplementary bursaries, grants or emoluments with unlimited values.</li> <li>• Scholarships may not be held simultaneously with a bursary / scholarship from any other government or NRF source or NRF administered source without prior NRF permission.</li> <li>• Scholarship holders may not hold full-time salaried employment during the tenure of the scholarship.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will be allowed to undertake a maximum of 12 hours of teaching, tutorials, assistance or demonstration duties per week on average during the year of study.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility</b>		<b>Period of Support</b>	<b>How to apply</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South African citizens and permanent residents registered on a full-time basis</li> <li>• Full- time employees of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are not eligible to apply.</li> </ul>		<b>Masters:</b> 2 years  <b>Doctoral:</b> 3 years Candidates applying for support of 2nd year of Masters studies will be supported for 1 year only.	<b>To be announced</b>

# Scholarships for Studies at SA Institutions

Bursary	Description	Criteria	Application Information
Mandela Rhodes	Students intending to do an Honours or Master's degree are invited to apply for the Mandela Rhodes Foundation Scholarships.	<p><u>The criteria are as follows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to citizens of all African countries.</li> <li>• For postgraduate study at a South African university or tertiary institution (Honours and Masters degrees only).</li> <li>• Any individual between 19 and 30 years of age.</li> <li>• Individuals that reflect in their character a commitment to the four principles of Education, Reconciliation, Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship, as detailed in attached brochure.</li> </ul> <p><u>Characteristics sought in a Mandela Rhodes Scholar:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young African,</li> <li>• Aspire to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar if you dream of being a leader; a leader in whose blend of character and intellect Africa will take pride.</li> <li>• Aspire to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar if you believe in an entrepreneurial spirit to allow Africa to take with dignity its rightful place as an equal and competitive presence in the global world.</li> <li>• Aspire to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar if you believe in reconciliation, freedom, peace and prosperity among all human beings, who should share equal citizenship and opportunities in this world.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Application documentation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact webpage <a href="http://www.mandelarhodes.org">www.mandelarhodes.org</a></li> <li>• Contact between three and five referees who would be willing to write reference letters for you. Please ensure that no less than three are from academics who have taught you.</li> <li>• Ensure that you include the following documentation in your application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A certified copy of your identity document, or birth certificate, or residency certificate or passport</li> <li>- A certified copy of your official academic transcript</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# Travel Grants

Grant Type	Name and Details	Criteria	Application
Conference Attendance	<p><b>Overseas Conference Grant</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Three cycles and deadlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closing date 30 Sept of preceding year for Jan – Apr following year.</b></li> <li>• <b>Closing date 30 March for May – Aug.</b></li> <li>• <b>Closing date 30 June for Sept – Dec.</b></li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> <li>3. The applicant should submit proof of the acceptance of the presentation by the conference organizers.</li> <li>4. An applicant will only be eligible for a grant once during his/her postgraduate studies.</li> <li>5. Preference will be given to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants with no funding from other grant schemes (e.g. Focus Areas, Thuthuka, capacity development, industrial contracts).</li> <li>• Applicants invited to deliver oral presentations.</li> <li>• Applicants who have not attended other international conferences abroad during the past two years.</li> </ul> </li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	<p>To apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A scanned version of the application form with signatures and the required CV must be submitted electronically to Chantal Swartz (<a href="mailto:cswartz@sun.ac.za">cswartz@sun.ac.za</a>).</li> <li>2. Only applications for the relevant award cycle will be considered (see dates of the award cycles and corresponding closing dates on the application form).</li> <li>3. The applicant must ensure that the application form is complete, with all the required documents attached. Incomplete applications will not be considered.</li> <li>4. Please note that the awards are made on a competitive basis and that limited funding is available.</li> </ol>
Travel Bursary	<p><b>Abe Bailey Travel Bursary</b></p> <p>The Abe Bailey Trust offers a travel bursary for a suitable student or junior lecturer attached to South African</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bursaries are awarded to persons who show exceptional leadership qualities and service, <u>not only in student affairs</u>, but also within a wider social context and who are able to function as part of a select and highly skilled group. Students should have completed their second year of university.</li> <li>2. Applicants should be SA citizens, who hold valid passports and should not be older than 25 years when the tour starts. It is</li> </ol>	<p>To apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A personal letter of motivation as to why you are applying</li> <li>2. A current CV (including name and address, date of birth and nationality, schools attended)</li> </ol>

	<p>universities for an educational visit to England for the period</p>	<p>desirable that applicants are sufficiently proficient in the English language so as to adapt to the other members of the tour party and to cope with those whom they will meet in the course of the Tour overseas.</p> <p>3. No bursar will be allowed to join the Tour later or to interrupt the Tour. (Applicants who intend to apply for the Rhodes scholarship are strongly advised not apply for this bursary if it appears that the selection interview dates will clash with the Tour dates.)</p> <p>4. Married persons will not be allowed to be accompanied by his or her spouse.</p>	<p>3. Three letters of reference (not older than 3 years)</p> <p>4. Copies of ID, matric certificate and university academic record</p> <p>5. Copies of school &amp; university merit / achievement certificates (maximum 5 items)</p> <p>6. Details of leadership roles and social and community service, at school and at university</p> <p>7. A brief statement of the dates and purpose of any previous visits undertaken to the United Kingdom</p> <p>8. Confirmation of a valid South African passport.</p> <p>The letters of reference should be from referees reporting on the character, leadership and personality of the nominee. The referees may send the letters directly to Robert Kotzé, <a href="mailto:rk@sun.ac.za">rk@sun.ac.za</a></p>
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# Scholarships for Studies abroad

Scholarship	Details	Criteria	Application and More Information
Commonwealth Scholarship	<p>Stellenbosch University has been invited to nominate students who are currently registered at SU and who are South African citizens. These may be in either of the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One year taught masters courses or equivalent degrees (excluding MBA)</li> <li>• Six months of clinical training in medicine or dentistry</li> <li>• Doctoral degrees, up to three years of duration (UK institution)</li> </ul>	<p>Eligibility requirements are outlined in the prospectus available at <a href="http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/apply">http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/apply</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The commission will look for evidence of the high academic quality expected of Commonwealth scholars; intellectual and academic excellence will be paramount in all selections.</li> <li>• Candidates studying a first degree are expected to hold at least an upper second class honours (i.e. 70%+) by October preceding year.</li> </ul>	<p>All applicants for a Commonwealth Scholarship should use the Electronic Application System (EAS): <a href="http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/eas/Application">http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/eas/Application</a></p> <p>Deadline: <b>Closed for 2019</b></p>

# FUNDING MANAGED BY INDEPENDENT ORGANISATIONS

## Scholarships for studies at South African institutions

Scholarship	Details	Criteria	Application and More Information
Patrick and Margaret Flanagan scholarship	<p>Rhodes University invites potential high flyers in their fields, to apply for the above scholarship for full-time postgraduate study abroad.</p> <p>Scholarship tenable at any overseas university or tertiary education institution abroad.</p>	<p>Postgraduate women with an excellent academic record and outstanding personal qualities, preference being given to applicants of South African descent, who are fluent in English and have a real love and affection for the language, or prefer to express themselves in English.</p>	<p>Submit a covering letter of motivation, detailed ACADEMIC CV (including email contact details of three ACADEMIC referees, one of which must be a Head of Department), a full certified academic transcript and a certified ID copy.</p> <p>Ensure that a working email address is provided with your CV for correspondence purposes.</p> <p>There is NO application form until the short-listing stage. Incomplete and late applications will NOT be considered. More info: <a href="mailto:pgfinaid-admin@ru.ac.za">pgfinaid-admin@ru.ac.za</a></p>
Margaret McNamara Education Grants (MMEG)	<p>Educational Grants for females 25 years and older, from developing countries</p> <p>The MMEG is making grants, for approximately US\$ 7000 each, available to female students from developing countries undertaking university study at a listed university in South Africa. Eventual grant recipients would be expected to apply these funds to their educational, living and/or research expenses for the academic year.</p>	<p><u>Background</u> The MMEG was founded in 1981 to honor the memory of Margaret Craig McNamara for her commitment to women and children in the developing world. Over the past 31 years, the MMEG has awarded 205 educational grants to women from 65 developing countries whose studies in the US, Canada and also now in South Africa since 2007, aim to benefit women and children and plan to return to their countries or regions.</p> <p><u>Eligibility for women to apply for MMEG:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has a record of service to women and/or children in her country or other developing country.</li> <li>Is enrolled at one of the listed</li> </ol>	<p>For applications details visit: <a href="http://www.mmeg.org">www.mmeg.org</a></p> <p>Supporting Documents and Recommendations must also be submitted online by <b>Deadline: 14 September</b></p>

		<p>universities when applying and remains enrolled during the entire year covered by the grant.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Will use the grant toward completion of her degree.</li> <li>4. Is a national of a World Bank lower or middle income developing member country (see country eligibility list on MMEG website)</li> <li>5. Plans to return to her country or another developing country within about two years after completing use of the grant and perform at least two years of service.</li> <li>6. Demonstrates financial need and satisfactory academic performance.</li> <li>7. Is at least 25 years old by the application deadline.</li> <li>8. Is not related to any World Bank Group, IMF or IADB staff member or his/her spouse.</li> </ol> <p>There are no exceptions to the MMEG educational grant criteria listed above</p>	
<p>Carl and Emily Fuchs</p>	<p>The Carl Fuchs and Emily Fuchs Doctoral Scholarships are available to post-graduate students who have already, or intend to register for Doctoral studies at a local South African university/university of technology only (and not for any studies abroad).</p> <p>The two scholarships are awarded bi-annually, in any academic field of study / Doctoral program formally registered with a South African university.</p> <p>The Foundation annually invites applications from the various faculties at all local Higher Education institutions and the scholarships are then awarded for studies in the following/ensuing academic year.</p>	<p>Only South African citizens may apply and the scholarships are awarded based on the following selection criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic achievement / excellence: minimum requirement of a Masters degree, passed with distinction or 75% average</li> <li>• Economic merit: preference will be given to economically deprived applicants</li> <li>• Leadership qualities.</li> </ul> <p>Applicants must also be willing to be interviewed by a selection panel (typically during November of the year preceding the studies), during which qualities of academic insight, leadership, communication skills and</p>	<p>Application forms are annually distributed to the various Deans of Faculties at local Higher Education institutions and in addition, they are also available from local universities' Post-graduate Student Aid/Financial Assistance/ Bursary/ Scholarship Offices. The correctly and comprehensively completed application form should be accompanied by a photograph, a formal academic record of all previous studies, two confidential (separately sealed) referee reports, confirmation of acceptance for the Doctoral study/program and an Executive Summary of the proposed research project/study.</p>

		the merit of the proposed study/research project will be assessed.	Applications should be submitted by mail directly to:  Doctoral Scholarships, The Carl & Emily Fuchs Foundation P O Box 1910, Halfway House, 1685.
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# Scholarships for studying at institutions abroad

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Rhodes Scholarship	<p>Prestigious postgraduate scholarship tenable at University of Oxford.</p> <p>Standard scholarship tenure: 2-years, but can be extended for DPhil (PhD)</p> <p>Any postgraduate degree can be pursued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2-year Master's</li> <li>• Two 1-year Master's</li> <li>• DPhil (PhD)</li> <li>• MBA or MFE (Masters in Financial Economics) but only during 2nd year of scholarship</li> </ul> <p>Costs covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University application fee</li> <li>• All University and College fees (full funding)</li> <li>• Personal stipend</li> <li>• Air ticket to Oxford and return</li> </ul>	<p><u>Residency requirement:</u> Lived permanently in and has resided for at least 5 of the prior 10 years immediately preceding application in SA, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia or Swaziland</p> <p><u>Age requirement:</u> At least 19 years and younger than 25 years on 1 October of preceding year (extended by 3 years for medical students)</p> <p><u>Degree requirement:</u> A first degree (i.e. Honours equivalent) by 1 October of preceding year with a first or very strong upper second</p> <p>Young people of outstanding intellect, character, leadership and commitment to service.</p>	<p><u>Step 1: Complete application (online or hard-copy)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application opens: • Application deadline:</li> <li>• Apply directly to Rhodes Trust (select appropriate region or school)</li> <li>• Latest updates on the application process: <a href="http://www.Rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/section/Rhodes-Countries">www.Rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/section/Rhodes-Countries</a></li> </ul> <p>Apply online at: <a href="https://apply.embark.com/scholarship/RhodesTrust">https://apply.embark.com/scholarship/RhodesTrust</a></p> <p><u>Step 2: Short-listing and interviews</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BLMNS, KZN &amp; school-specific applicants</li> </ul> <p>One round of short-listing and interviews October/November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SA-at-large applicants</li> </ul> <p>Two rounds of short-listing and interviews Regional rounds: October/November National round: November/December</p> <p>For all queries, contact Annette Gibson <a href="mailto:Rhotrust@pixie.co.za">Rhotrust@pixie.co.za</a></p>
Fulbright	<p>This program provides South Africans the opportunity to pursue Master's or Ph.D. degrees at U.S. academic institutions. South African Ph.D. students can also use this program for a one-year non-degree program to conduct research and/or take courses at a U.S. academic institution.</p> <p>The study grants are competitive and awarded for a period of two years.</p>	<p>The program is open to South African residents and permanent residents who have a Bachelor degree and/or Honours for the Master's program or a Master's degree for the Doctoral program.</p>	<p>To apply, visit the website at <a href="http://southafrica.usembassy.gov/postgraduate.html">http://southafrica.usembassy.gov/postgraduate.html</a></p>
FirstRand International Postgraduate Scholarships	<p>❖ <u>The FirstRand Foundation scholarship</u> for postgraduate study outside South</p>	<p>All scholarships will be awarded based on academic excellence,</p>	<p>For details go to <a href="http://www.firstrand.co.za">www.firstrand.co.za</a></p>

	<p>Africa in any discipline at an international university of their choice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <u>FirstRand Oxford African Studies scholarship</u> to the University of Oxford – master’s degree.</li> <li>❖ NEW PROGRAM: <u>FirstRand FNB Fund Oxford Education</u> scholarship for a master’s degree in Education at University of Oxford.</li> <li>❖ NEW PROGRAM: <u>FirstRand FNB Fund scholarship</u> for international postgraduate study in Education at an international university of their choice.</li> </ul>	<p>leadership ability, community involvement and the candidate’s potential to be a destiny changer</p> <p>Candidates who are currently, or have been studying overseas, are not eligible</p>	
Chevening Scholarships	<p>Chevening Scholarships is the UK government’s global scholarship programme that offers future leaders the unique opportunity to study in the UK.</p>	<p>In order to submit an eligible Chevening Scholarship application, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a citizen of a Chevening-eligible country, and agree to return there for a minimum of two years after completing your scholarship.</li> <li>• Have completed an undergraduate degree that will enable you to gain entry to a postgraduate programme at a UK university.</li> <li>• Have at least two years’ work experience (i.e. tutors, internship, student assistantships all qualify as work experience).</li> <li>• Not have previously studied in the UK with funding from a UK Government-funded scholarship.</li> </ul>	<p>For details go to <a href="http://www.chevening.org">www.chevening.org</a></p>

# 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](http://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](mailto:interweb@sun.ac.za)

## Grants Register

The Grants Register contains an array of international scholarships and funding opportunities for postgraduate students. The register is available online.

## Important websites and resources

[www.sun.ac.za/pgo/funding](http://www.sun.ac.za/pgo/funding)

[www.ScholarshipPositions.com](http://www.ScholarshipPositions.com)

[www.GoAbroad.com](http://www.GoAbroad.com)