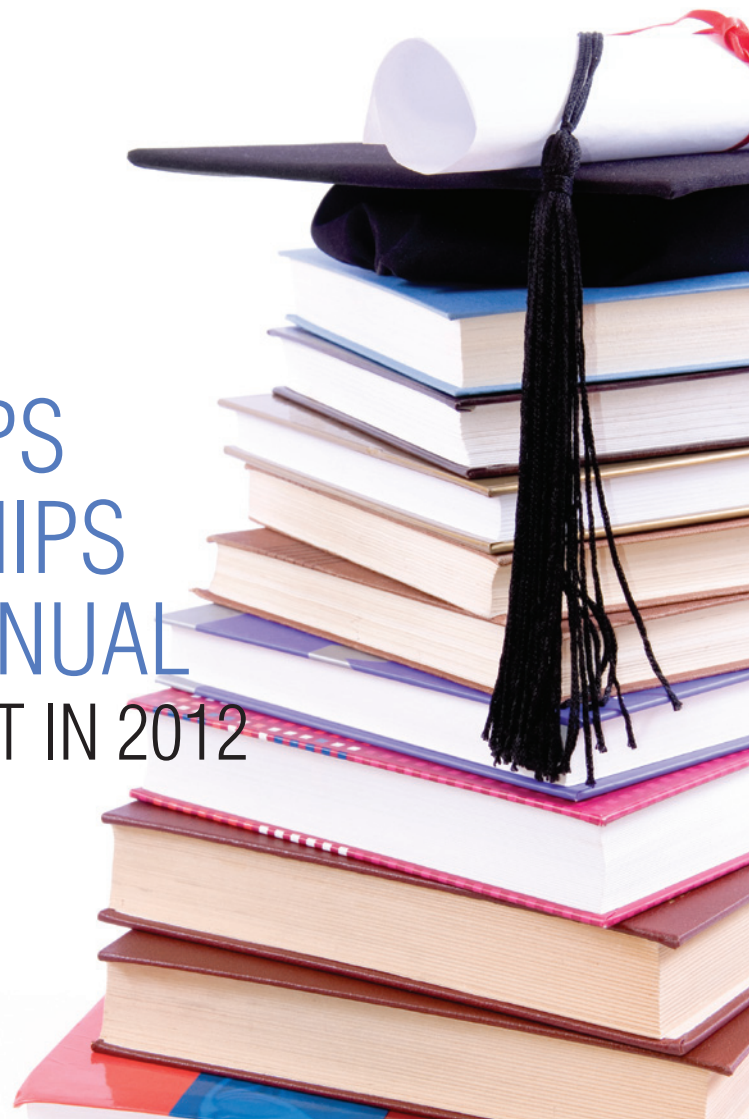




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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides information on opportunities for funding within the Scholarships and Fellowships Programme. It does not, however, constitute a complete set of every policy, procedure or system involved in the National Research Foundation (NRF) Scholarships and Fellowships Programme.

The information provided herein will make the receiving of applications and management of subsequent bursaries/scholarships/fellowships easier. You are advised to read all information carefully.

### APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS IN 2012

Applications must be completed on the NRF Interim System at <http://nrffinterim.nrf.ac.za> for the following programmes:

- NRF Free-Standing and Innovation Master's and Doctoral Scholarships for 2012
- Post-Doctoral Fellowships for 2012

If you have already registered on the NRF Online System, you will be able to access the NRF Interim system with the same ID and password you have previously registered with and need not register again on the NRF Interim System. However, in the event that you are unable to access the NRF Interim System with your previous ID and password, please register again using the same ID and password on the NRF Interim System.

When completing your application on the NRF Interim System, please ensure that you complete your CV on the NRF Online System. This is very important in ensuring that your application is complete and can be processed.

Applications for the DAAD-NRF In-Country Programme, SKA Bursaries and Scholarships Programme and Professional Development Programme must be completed on the Phoenix System at <http://phoenweb.nrf.ac.za/tpf2>. Register with a valid e-mail address and password.

Should you experience any difficulty with the registration process, please contact the NRF Student Support Desk at [studentsupport@nrf.ac.za](mailto:studentsupport@nrf.ac.za).

Please note that this document contains information relating to our proposed programmes for 2011 funding. Awards will only be made in these programmes if funding is available and if funding budgets permit.



## 2. TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS IN 2012

### 2.1 HONOURS/FINAL YEAR BTECH SCHOLARSHIPS

	NRF FREE-STANDING SCHOLARSHIP	INNOVATION SCHOLARSHIP	SCARCE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP
<b>DATES &amp; DEADLINES</b>	Contact the financial aid/bursary/postgraduate office of the institution where you intend registering to study.	Contact the financial aid/bursary/postgraduate office of the institution where you intend registering to study.	Contact the financial aid/bursary/postgraduate office of the institution where you intend registering to study.
<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only South African citizens may apply.</li> <li>• Applicants must have obtained an aggregate of at least 60% for the final year undergraduate subject(s) they are pursuing for Honours/final year BTech study.</li> <li>• Applicants must have obtained their previous degree in the minimum prescribed period. An exception is made for Black (i.e. African, Coloured and Indian) students who may have taken an additional year to complete the previous degree.</li> <li>• Applicants who already hold a qualification at this level are not eligible to apply.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South African citizens and South African permanent residents may apply.</li> <li>• Applicants must have obtained an aggregate of at least 60% for the final year undergraduate subject(s) they are pursuing for Honours/final year BTech study.</li> <li>• Applicants must have obtained their previous degree in the minimum prescribed period. An exception is made for Black (i.e. African, Coloured and Indian) students who may have taken an additional year to complete the previous degree.</li> <li>• Applicants who already hold a qualification at this level are not eligible to apply.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only South African citizens may apply.</li> <li>• Applicants must have obtained an aggregate of at least 60% for the final year undergraduate subject(s) they are pursuing for Honours/final year BTech study.</li> <li>• Applicants must have obtained their previous degree in the minimum prescribed period. An exception is made for Black (i.e. African, Coloured and Indian) students who may have taken an additional year to complete the previous degree.</li> <li>• Applicants who already hold a qualification at this level are not eligible to apply.</li> </ul>
<b>FIELDS OF STUDY SUPPORTED</b>	Study in the social and human sciences (SSH), natural and applied sciences as well as engineering and technology (SET).	Biotechnology, cellular and molecular biology, engineering, computer science, physics and astronomy, mathematical sciences, nanotechnology, chemistry, earth sciences, ecology and medical sciences.	Accounting, actuarial sciences, agricultural sciences, auditing, biotechnology, chemistry, computer sciences, demography, engineering (all fields), financial management, geology, information communication technology, mathematical sciences, physics, transportation studies, tourism and statistics.
<b>VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP</b>	R20 000 p.a.	R35 000 p.a.	R35 000 p.a.
<b>SUPPLEMENTATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarship-holders are allowed to hold non-binding 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>• Scholarship-holders 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 and may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they are reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institution tariff for services rendered.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarship-holders are allowed to hold non-binding 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>• Scholarship-holders 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 and may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they are reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institution tariff for services rendered.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarship-holders are allowed to hold non-binding 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>• Scholarship-holders 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 and may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they are reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institution tariff for services rendered.</li> </ul>
<b>PERIOD OF SUPPORT</b>	1 year	1 year	1 year
<b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	Contact the university financial aid/bursary/postgraduate office for more details. Only complete applications will be considered.	Contact the university financial aid/bursary/postgraduate office for more details. Only complete applications will be considered.	Contact the university financial aid/bursary/postgraduate office for more details. Only complete applications will be considered.

## 2.2 MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIPS

	NRF FREE-STANDING SCHOLARSHIP	DST/NRF INNOVATION SCHOLARSHIP	SABI SCHOLARSHIP	SCARCE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP
<b>DATES &amp; DEADLINES</b>	31 August 2011  Contact the university financial aid/bursary/postgraduate office of the institution where you intend registering to study.	31 August 2011  Check with the institution where you intend registering for this study for their internal closing date.	31 August 2011  Check with the institution where you intend registering for this study for their internal closing date.	To be determined in 2012
<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only South African citizens may apply.</li> <li>Applicants must have obtained an aggregate of at least 60% for the Honours/ final year BTech subject(s) they are pursuing for Master's study.</li> <li>Applicants must have obtained their previous degree in the minimum prescribed period. An exception is made for Black (i.e. African, Coloured and Indian) students who may have taken an additional year to complete the previous degree.</li> <li>Applicants who already hold a qualification at this level are not eligible to apply.</li> <li>Applicants must complete the CV section of the application form on the NRF Online system. If the CV section of the application is not completed the application will be considered incomplete.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South African citizens and South African permanent residents may apply.</li> <li>Applicants must have obtained an aggregate of at least 60% for the Honours/ final year BTech subject(s) they are pursuing for Master's study.</li> <li>Applicants must have obtained their previous degree in the minimum prescribed period. An exception is made for Black (i.e. African, Coloured and Indian) students who may have taken an additional year to complete the previous degree.</li> <li>Applicants who already hold a qualification at this level are not eligible to apply.</li> <li>Applicants must complete the CV section of the application form on the NRF Online system. If the CV section of the application is not completed the application will be considered incomplete.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only South African citizens may apply.</li> <li>Applicants must have obtained an aggregate of at least 60% for the Honours/ final year BTech subject(s) they are pursuing for Master's study.</li> <li>Applicants must have obtained their previous degree in the minimum prescribed period. An exception is made for Black (i.e. African, Coloured and Indian) students who may have taken an additional year to complete the previous degree.</li> <li>Applicants who already hold a qualification at this level are not eligible to apply.</li> <li>Applicants must complete the CV section of the application form on the NRF Online system. If the CV section of the application is not completed the application will be considered incomplete.</li> <li>Research proposals in application MUST clearly address at least one of the SABI research objectives (applicants must motivate for this in their proposals). If no motivation is included the application will not be considered for support.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only South African citizens may apply.</li> <li>Applicants must have obtained an aggregate of at least 60% for the Honours/ final year BTech subject(s) they are pursuing for Master's study.</li> <li>Applicants must have obtained their previous degree in the minimum prescribed period. An exception is made for Black (i.e. African, Coloured and Indian) students who may have taken an additional year to complete the previous degree.</li> <li>Applicants who already hold a qualification at this level are not eligible to apply.</li> <li>Applicants must complete the CV section of the application form on the NRF Online system. If the CV section of the application is not completed the application will be considered incomplete.</li> </ul>
<b>FIELDS OF STUDY SUPPORTED</b>	Study in the social and human sciences (SSH), natural and applied sciences as well as engineering and technology (SET).	Biotechnology, cellular and molecular biology, engineering, computer science, physics and astronomy, mathematical sciences, nanotechnology, chemistry, earth sciences, ecology and medical sciences.	<p>SABI Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity inventories which are associated with either a taxonomic or biogeographic goal, poorly collected or under-studied geographic regions, or for overt conservation purposes. These applications should, however, be posed in a clearly articulated scientific context, and include an indication of efforts to be undertaken to address the taxonomic impediment associated with identifying the samples gathered, and/ or a clear statement of how the collections are to be identified and housed in perpetuity.</li> <li>Morphological and molecular systematics on significant taxa of South Africa's biodiversity (priority will be given to those which are neglected). Biogeographic studies on significant taxa (priority will be given to those which are neglected), and/or biogeographic studies that bring together data from various sources into a synthetic or comparative analysis which will have significant impact</li> </ul>	Accounting, actuarial sciences, agricultural sciences, auditing, biotechnology, chemistry, computer sciences, demography, engineering (all fields), financial management, geology, information communication technology, mathematical sciences, physics, transportation studies, tourism and statistics.

			<p>on the systematics and conservation of the region's biodiversity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phylogenetic and/or phylogeographic studies that are relevant to taxonomic revisions, and are directly associated with systematic hypotheses and/or taxonomic products.</li> <li>Descriptive/revisionary/monographic research on significant taxa which are neglected.</li> <li>The production of identification tools, especially those that use technology - such as electronic keys, on-line data/products (this must be embedded in a research framework).</li> <li>Systematics is defined as the science of organismal diversity. It entails the discovery, description and interpretation of biological diversity, as well as the synthesis of information on diversity in the form of predictive classification systems (Judd et al, 1999).</li> </ul>	
<b>VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP</b>	R40 000 p.a.	R60 000 p.a.	R60 000 p.a.	R60 000 p.a.
<b>SUPPLEMENTATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship-holders are allowed to hold non-binding 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>Scholarship-holders 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> <li>Scholarship-holders may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they are reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institution tariff for services rendered.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship-holders are allowed to hold non-binding 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>Scholarship-holders 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> <li>Scholarship-holders may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they are reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institution tariff for services rendered.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SABI/NRF scholarship-holders are allowed to hold non-binding supplementary bursaries/scholarships, grants or emoluments with unlimited amounts.</li> <li>SABI/NRF 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>Scholarship-holders 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> <li>Scholarship-holders may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they are reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institution tariff for services rendered.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship-holders are allowed to hold non-binding 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>Scholarship-holders 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> <li>Scholarship-holders may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they are reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institution tariff for services rendered.</li> </ul>
<b>PERIOD OF SUPPORT</b>	2 years Candidates applying for support for their second year of Master's studies will be supported for one year only.	2 years Candidates applying for support for their second year of Master's studies will be supported for one year only.	2 years Candidates applying for support for their second year of Master's studies will be supported for one year only.	2 years Candidates applying for support for their second year of Master's studies will be supported for one year only.
<b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	Contact the university financial aid/bursary/postgraduate office Only complete applications will be considered.	<a href="http://nrfinterim.nrf.ac.za">http://nrfinterim.nrf.ac.za</a>  Only complete applications will be considered.	<a href="http://nrfinterim.nrf.ac.za">http://nrfinterim.nrf.ac.za</a>  Only complete applications will be considered.	To be determined in 2012

## 2.3 DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

	NRF FREE-STANDING SCHOLARSHIP	DST/NRF INNOVATION SCHOLARSHIP	SABI SCHOLARSHIP	SCARCE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP
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<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only South African citizens may apply.</li> <li>Applicants who obtained an aggregate of at least 60% for the subject(s) with which they wish to continue into doctoral studies.</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 must have obtained their previous degree in the minimum prescribed period. An exception is made for Black (i.e. African, Coloured and Indian) students who may have taken an additional year to complete the previous degree.</li> <li>Applicants who already hold a qualification at this level are not eligible to apply.</li> <li>Applicants must complete the CV section of the application form on the NRF Online system. If the CV section of the application is not completed the application will be considered incomplete.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South African citizens and South African permanent residence may apply.</li> <li>Applicants who obtained an aggregate of at least 60% for the subject(s) with which they wish to continue into doctoral studies.</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 must have obtained their previous degree in the minimum prescribed period. An exception is made for Black (i.e. African, Coloured and Indian) students who may have taken an additional year to complete the previous degree.</li> <li>Applicants who already hold a qualification at this level are not eligible to apply.</li> <li>Applicants must complete the CV section of the application form on the NRF Online system. If the CV section of the application is not completed the application will be considered incomplete.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only South African citizens may apply.</li> <li>Applicants who obtained an aggregate of at least 60% for the subject(s) with which they wish to continue into doctoral studies.</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 must have obtained their previous degree in the minimum prescribed period. An exception is made for Black (i.e. African, Coloured and Indian) students who may have taken an additional year to complete the previous degree.</li> <li>Applicants who already hold a qualification at this level are not eligible to apply</li> <li>Applicants must complete the CV section of the application form on the NRF Online system. If the CV section of the application is not completed the application will be considered incomplete.</li> <li>Research proposals in application MUST clearly address at least one of the SABI research objectives (applicants must motivate for this in their proposals). If no motivation is included the application will not be considered for support.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only South African citizens may apply.</li> <li>Applicants who obtained an aggregate of at least 60% for the subject(s) with which they wish to continue into doctoral studies 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 must have obtained their previous degree in the minimum prescribed period. An exception is made for Black (i.e. African, Coloured and Indian) students who may have taken an additional year to complete the previous degree.</li> <li>Applicants who already hold a qualification at this level are not eligible to apply.</li> <li>Applicants must complete the CV section of the application form on the NRF Online system. If the CV section of the application is not completed the application will be considered incomplete.</li> </ul>
<b>FIELDS OF STUDY SUPPORTED</b>	Study in the social and human sciences (SSH), natural and applied sciences as well as engineering and technology (SET).	Biotechnology, cellular and molecular biology, engineering, computer science, physics and astronomy, mathematical sciences, nanotechnology, chemistry, earth sciences, ecology and medical sciences.	<p>SABI Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity inventories which are associated with either a taxonomic or biogeographic goal, poorly collected or under-studied geographic regions, or for overt conservation purposes. These applications should, however, be posed in a clearly articulated scientific context, and include an indication of efforts to be undertaken to address the taxonomic impediment associated with identifying the samples gathered, and/or a clear statement of how the collections are to be identified and housed in perpetuity.</li> <li>Morphological and molecular systematics on significant taxa of South Africa's biodiversity (priority will be given to those which are neglected). Biogeographic studies on significant taxa (priority will be given to those which are neglected), and/or biogeographic studies that bring</li> </ul>	Accounting, actuarial sciences, agricultural sciences, auditing, biotechnology, chemistry, computer sciences, demography, engineering (all fields), financial management, geology, information communication technology, mathematical sciences, physics, transportation studies, tourism and statistics.

			together data from various sources into a synthetic or comparative analysis which will have significant impact on the systematics and conservation of the region's biodiversity.	
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<b>VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP</b>	R60 000 p.a. (local) US\$12 000 p.a. (abroad)	R90 000 p.a.	R90 000 p.a.	R90 000 p.a.
<b>SUPPLEMENTATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship-holders are allowed to hold non-binding 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>Scholarship-holders 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> <li>Scholarship-holders may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they are reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institution tariff for services rendered.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship-holders are allowed to hold non-binding 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>Scholarship-holders 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> <li>Scholarship-holders may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they are reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institution tariff for services rendered.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship-holders are allowed to hold non-binding 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>Scholarship-holders 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> <li>Scholarship-holders may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they are reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institution tariff for services rendered.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship-holders are allowed to hold non-binding 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>Scholarship-holders 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> <li>Scholarship-holders may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they are reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institution tariff for services rendered.</li> </ul>
<b>PERIOD OF SUPPORT</b>	3 years Candidates applying for support for their second or third year of doctoral studies will be supported for two or one year only, respectively.	3 years Candidates applying for support for their second or third year of doctoral studies will be supported for two or one year only, respectively.	3 years Candidates applying for support for their second or third year of doctoral studies will be supported for two or one year only, respectively.	3 years Candidates applying for support for their second or third year of doctoral studies will be supported for two or one year only, respectively.
<b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<a href="http://nrfinterim.nrf.ac.za">http://nrfinterim.nrf.ac.za</a> Only complete applications will be considered.	<a href="http://nrfinterim.nrf.ac.za">http://nrfinterim.nrf.ac.za</a> Only complete applications will be considered.	<a href="http://nrfinterim.nrf.ac.za">http://nrfinterim.nrf.ac.za</a> Only complete applications will be considered.	To be determined in 2012

## 2.4 POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

	NRF FREE-STANDING FELLOWSHIP	INNOVATION FELLOWSHIP	SCARCE SKILLS FELLOWSHIP
<b>DATES &amp; DEADLINES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NRF Free-standing Postdoctoral Fellowship: Research in South Africa: 30 September 2011 Check with the institution where you intend registering for this research for their internal closing date.</li> <li>NRF Free-standing Postdoctoral Fellowship: Research abroad: 30 September 2011</li> </ul>	30 September 2011 Check with the institution where you intend registering for this research for their internal closing date	30 September 2011 Check with the institution where you intend registering for this research for their internal closing date
<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Available to South African citizens for full-time research at institutions in South Africa or at approved institutions abroad.</li> <li>Outstanding foreign candidates will be considered for full-time research in South Africa.</li> <li>Exceptional doctoral graduates who have recently received their doctoral degrees (i.e. in the last five years) and who wish to undertake postdoctoral research training are encouraged to apply.</li> <li>Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis, taking the applicants' academic achievements and potential as researchers into account. Publications weigh heavily in the assessment of applications. Applicants are encouraged to ensure a full list of their publications is included in the CV section of the application form on the NRF Online system. If the CV section of the application is not completed the application will be considered incomplete.</li> <li>Fellowships will preferably be tenable at institutions other than the one where the doctoral degree was obtained. Applicants who wish to undertake postdoctoral training with their PhD institution or supervisor must submit a special motivation. If no motivation is provided the application will be considered incomplete.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only South African citizens may apply although a few fellowships may be earmarked for foreign candidates studying at South African institutions from time to time taking into consideration SET targets.</li> <li>Exceptional doctoral graduates who have recently received their doctoral degrees (i.e. in the last five years) and who wish to undertake postdoctoral research training are encouraged to apply.</li> <li>Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis, taking the applicants' academic achievements and potential as researchers into account. Publications weigh heavily in the assessment of applications. Applicants are encouraged to ensure a full list of their publications is included in the CV section of the application form on the NRF Online system. If the CV section of the application is not completed the application will be considered incomplete.</li> <li>Fellowships will preferably be tenable at institutions other than the one where the doctoral degree was obtained. Applicants who wish to undertake postdoctoral training with their PhD institution or supervisor must submit a special motivation. If no motivation is provided the application will be considered incomplete.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only South African citizens may apply although a few fellowships may be earmarked for foreign candidates studying at South African institutions from time to time taking into consideration SET targets.</li> <li>Exceptional doctoral graduates who have recently received their doctoral degrees (i.e. in the last five years) and who wish to undertake postdoctoral research training are encouraged to apply.</li> <li>Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis, taking the applicants' academic achievements and potential as researchers into account. Publications weigh heavily in the assessment of applications. Applicants are encouraged to ensure a full list of their publications is included in the CV section of the application form on the NRF Online system. If the CV section of the application is not completed the application will be considered incomplete.</li> <li>Fellowships will preferably be tenable at institutions other than the one where the doctoral degree was obtained. Applicants who wish to undertake postdoctoral training with their PhD institution or supervisor must submit a special motivation. If no motivation is provided the application will be considered incomplete.</li> </ul>
<b>FIELDS OF STUDY SUPPORTED</b>	Research in the social and human sciences (SSH), natural and applied sciences as well as engineering and technology (SET).	Biotechnology, cellular and molecular biology, engineering, computer science, physics and astronomy, mathematical sciences, nanotechnology, chemistry, earth sciences, ecology and medical sciences.	Accounting, actuarial sciences, agricultural sciences, auditing, biotechnology, chemistry, computer sciences, demography, engineering (all fields), financial management, geology, information communication technology, mathematical sciences, physics, transportation studies, tourism and statistics.
<b>VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP</b>	Research in South Africa R110 000 p.a. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In addition R10 000 p.a. contribution towards the running expenses of the candidate's research.</li> <li>R5 000 once-off contribution towards airfare for candidates relocating from abroad where necessary.</li> </ul> Research abroad US\$ 16 500 p.a. plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R5 000 once-off contribution towards airfare for candidates relocating to or from South Africa.</li> </ul>	Research in South Africa only R165 000 p.a. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In addition R35 000 p.a. contribution towards the running expenses of the candidate's research.</li> <li>R15 000 p.a. host institution's minimum contribution, i.e. conference attendance, field trips, etc.</li> <li>Successful candidates may apply for a once-off travel grant to a maximum value of R40 000 to undertake a period of training at an international institution during the 2 year postdoctoral period.</li> </ul>	Research in South Africa only R160 000 p.a. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In addition R30 000 p.a. contribution towards the running expenses of the candidate's research.</li> <li>R15 000 p.a. host institution's minimum contribution, i.e. conference attendance, field trips, etc.</li> <li>Successful candidates may apply for a once-off travel grant to a maximum value of R40 000 to undertake a period of training at an international institution during the 2 year postdoctoral period.</li> </ul>

<b>SUPPLEMENTATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fellowship-holders are allowed to hold non-binding supplementary bursaries, grants or emoluments with unlimited values.</li> <li>Fellowships may not be held simultaneously with a bursary/ scholarship from any other government or NRF source or NRF administered source.</li> <li>Fellowship-holders may not hold full-time salaried employment during the tenure of the fellowship.</li> <li>Fellowship-holders 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 research.</li> <li>Fellowship-holders may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they are reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institution tariff for services rendered.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fellowship-holders are allowed to hold non-binding supplementary bursaries, grants or emoluments with unlimited values.</li> <li>Fellowships may not be held simultaneously with a bursary/ scholarship from any other government or NRF source or NRF administered source.</li> <li>Fellowship-holders may not hold full-time salaried employment during the tenure of the fellowship.</li> <li>Fellowship-holders 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 research.</li> <li>Fellowship-holders may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they are reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institution tariff for services rendered.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fellowship-holders may not hold full-time salaried employment during the tenure of the fellowship.</li> <li>Fellowship-holders 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 research.</li> <li>Fellowship-holders may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they are reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institution tariff for services rendered.</li> <li>Fellowship-holders are allowed to hold non-binding supplementary bursaries, grants or emoluments with unlimited values.</li> <li>Fellowships may not be held simultaneously with a bursary/ scholarship from any other government or NRF source or NRF administered source.</li> </ul>
<b>PERIOD OF SUPPORT</b>	2 years	2 years	2 years
<b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<a href="http://nrfinterim.nrf.ac.za">http://nrfinterim.nrf.ac.za</a>  CVs to be completed on NRF Online: <a href="http://nrfonline.nrf.ac.za">http://nrfonline.nrf.ac.za</a> Only complete applications will be considered.	<a href="http://nrfinterim.nrf.ac.za">http://nrfinterim.nrf.ac.za</a>  CVs to be completed on NRF Online: <a href="http://nrfonline.nrf.ac.za">http://nrfonline.nrf.ac.za</a> Only complete applications will be considered.	<a href="http://nrfinterim.nrf.ac.za">http://nrfinterim.nrf.ac.za</a>

## 2.5 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

	PDP DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP	PDP POST DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP
<b>DATES &amp; DEADLINES</b>	Check with the Research Institution where you intend carrying out the research for their internal closing date.	Check with the Research Institution where you intend carrying out the research for their internal closing date.
<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South African Master's graduates who have graduated less than five years ago in critical focus areas as identified by prospective host Research Institutions</li> <li>• Applicants may not be currently employed by the prospective host Research Institutions</li> <li>• Applicants who recently obtained an aggregate of at least 60% for the subject(s) with which they wish to continue into doctoral studies</li> <li>• Applicants must have obtained their previous degree in the minimum prescribed period. An exception is made for Black (i.e. African, Coloured and Indian) students who may have taken an additional year to complete the previous degree</li> <li>• Successful scholarship-holder may need to go through further host institutional employment checks before they are paid out the award, should they fail any of these employment checks, the award will be withdrawn.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South African doctoral graduates who have graduated less than five years ago in critical focus areas as identified by prospective host Research Institutions</li> <li>• Applicants may not be currently employed by the prospective host Research Institutions</li> <li>• Exceptional doctoral graduates who wish to undertake postdoctoral research training are encouraged to apply</li> <li>• Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis, taking the applicants academic achievements and potential as researchers into account. Publications weigh heavily in the assessment of applications. Applicants are encouraged to ensure a full list of their publications is included in their CV when applying</li> <li>• Successful fellowship-holder may need to go through further host institutional employment checks before they are paid out the award, should they fail any of these employment checks, the award will be withdrawn.</li> </ul>
<b>FIELDS OF STUDY</b>	Fields of study are determined as critical focus areas identified by Research Institutions and approved by the NRF.	Fields of study are determined as critical focus areas identified by Research Institutions and approved by the NRF.
<b>SUPPORTED</b>	A list of the approved fields of study for the PDP programme can be found on the NRF website, <a href="http://www.nrf.ac.za">http://www.nrf.ac.za</a>	A list of the approved fields of study for the PDP programme can be found on the NRF website, <a href="http://www.nrf.ac.za">http://www.nrf.ac.za</a>
<b>VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP</b>	R200 000.00 p.a. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R70 000 p.a. host institution's minimum contribution, i.e. conference attendance, field trips, etc.</li> </ul>	R300 000.00 p.a. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R100 000 p.a. host institution's minimum contribution, i.e. conference attendance, field trips, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>SUPPLEMENTATION</b>	<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>• Successful scholarship-holders will have to sign contractual employment agreements with host institutions on an annual basis for the duration of the award</li> <li>• Host institutions are under no obligation to employ any completed PDP scholarship-holder in permanent employment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fellowship-holders are allowed to hold supplementary bursaries, grants or emoluments with unlimited values</li> <li>• Fellowships 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>• Successful fellowship-holders will have to sign contractual employment agreements with host institutions on an annual basis for the duration of the award</li> <li>• Host institutions are under no obligation to employ any completed PDP fellowship-holder in permanent employment.</li> </ul>
<b>PERIOD OF SUPPORT</b>	3 years	2 years (3 years upon motivation)
<b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	Approved projects at participating institutions with contact details will be listed on the NRF website in December 2011/January 2012. Approved candidates may contact host institutions.	Approved projects at participating institutions with contact details will be listed on the NRF website in December 2011/January 2012. Approved candidates may contact host institutions.



## 2.6 SKA BURSARIES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

TYPES OF BURSARIES/ SCHOLARSHIPS/ FELLOWSHIPS	VALUE OF BURSARIES, SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS	ELIGIBILITY	DATES AND DEADLINES
<b>NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING</b>	R43 000 p.a Plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The application fee</li> <li>The registration fee</li> <li>The cost of accommodation at the university's residence</li> <li>The cost of all meals at the university's residence</li> <li>The cost of tuition for Semester 1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These bursaries are available to students from the Northern Cape Province who wish to study towards a National Diploma in Electronic Engineering.</li> <li>Successful applicants will start with semester one of the National Diploma in January 2012. Funding after semester one is dependent on satisfactory academic performance.</li> <li>Applicants must have passed grade 12 with Mathematics, Science and English and must, as a minimum, meet the admission requirements set by the University of Technology.</li> <li>Applicants must be South African citizens and must be from the Northern Cape Province. Preference will be given to candidates from the towns of Carnarvon, Williston, Brandvlei and Van Wyksvlei.</li> <li>Successful applicants must be prepared to undertake their studies at a University of Technology that offers a National Diploma in Electronic Engineering.</li> </ul>	30 September 2011 Check with the institution where you intend registering for their internal closing date.
<b>UNDERGRADUATE BURSARIES</b>	<p>First year in 2012 up to and including Honours Bursary Duration: 4 years Maximum bursary grant in 2012 (including fees): R91 000</p> <p>Second year in 2012 up to and including Honours Bursary Duration: 3 years Maximum bursary grant in 2012 (including fees): R91 000</p> <p>Third year in 2012 up to and including Honours Bursary Duration: 2 years Maximum bursary grant in 2012 (including fees): R91 000</p> <p>Honours in 2012 Bursary Duration: 1 year Maximum bursary grant in 2012 (including fees): R91 000</p> <p>The amounts quoted above include tuition fees due to the university and a grant for living expenses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These bursaries are available to students who wish to study towards a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Physics and Mathematics and to students who wish to study towards a Bachelor of Electronic/Electrical Engineering degree.</li> <li>Applicants must be South African citizens.</li> <li>Applicants who will be studying Physics and Mathematics or Electronic Engineering at a South African University at first year, second year, third year or Honours level in 2012 may apply.</li> <li>Applicants must have obtained a minimum C in mathematics and science for Grade 12 or a minimum of 60% for major subjects at undergraduate level.</li> <li>Applicants who have an intention to pursue postgraduate research in astronomy or electronic engineering will be given preference.</li> <li>Continued funding is dependent on satisfactory performance determined twice a year. All bursary holders will be required to submit their university academic transcripts in June and December of each year for evaluation by the NRF.</li> </ul>	30 September 2011 Check with the institution where you intend registering for their internal closing date.
<b>MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	R84 000 p.a for two years plus : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R14 500 travel grant</li> <li>R11 500 equipment grant</li> </ul>	For 2012, the South African SKA Project will award up to ten (10) MSc and six (6) PhD scholarships. The research focus for these scholarships must align very closely with specific areas of MeerKAT and SKA science and technology where research is required.	31 August 2011 Check with the institution where you intend registering for this research for their internal closing date.
<b>DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	R110 000 p.a. for three years plus : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R19 000 travel grant</li> <li>R13 500 equipment grant</li> </ul>	<p>The following students may apply for South African SKA postgraduate scholarships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South African citizens and permanent residents who wish to complete an MSc or PhD degree at a South African university.</li> <li>Non-South Africans from other countries in Africa who wish to complete an</li> </ul>	

		<p>MSc or PhD degree at a South African university.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-South Africans who wish to complete an MSc or PhD degree at a university in an SA SKA Partner Country: Namibia, Zambia, Botswana, Mozambique, Madagascar, Mauritius, Kenya and Ghana.</li> <li>Continued funding is dependent on satisfactory performance determined twice a year. All scholarship-holders will be required to submit their university academic transcripts or progress reports in June and December of each year for evaluation by the NRF.</li> </ul>	
<b>POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS</b>	<p>Postdoctoral fellowship positions will be awarded to universities. The universities will apply for the positions and the successful universities will be responsible for filling the positions with suitably qualified candidates. The research focus of postdoctoral fellowships will be decided by the South African SKA Project Office. These will be advertised by universities who have been awarded postdoctoral fellowship positions.</p> <p>Information on universities and projects will be made available on the NRF web site at <a href="http://www.nrf.ac.za">http://www.nrf.ac.za</a></p> <p>Value – R315 000 p.a.</p>		
<b>SUPPLEMENTATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship-holders are allowed to hold non-binding 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>Scholarship-holders 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> <li>Scholarship-holders may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they are reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institution tariff for services rendered.</li> </ul>		
<b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<a href="http://phoenweb.nrf.ac.za/fp12">http://phoenweb.nrf.ac.za/fp12</a>		

## 2.7 DAAD/NRF IN-COUNTRY SCHOLARSHIPS

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in partnership with the NRF offers Joint In-Country scholarships for postgraduate students in South Africa studying towards a Master's or Doctoral Degree.

	DAAD/NRF MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIP	DAAD/NRF DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS
<b>DATES &amp; DEADLINES</b>	15 August 2011 Check with the institution where you intend registering for this study for their internal closing date.	15 August 2011 Check with the institution where you intend registering for this study for their internal closing date.
<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants must be South African citizens.</li> <li>Applicants must have obtained an accumulative average of 65% and above to be considered.</li> <li>Female candidates and those belonging to historically disadvantaged groups are particularly encouraged to apply.</li> <li>An age limit of 36 years at the time of application applies.</li> <li>Applicants who already hold a qualification for the level of funding they are applying for are not eligible.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants must be South African citizens or hold permanent residence status in South Africa (in the latter case, both certified proof of employment and residency must be provided).</li> <li>Applicants must have obtained an accumulative average of 65% and above to be considered.</li> <li>Female candidates and those belonging to historically disadvantaged groups are particularly encouraged to apply.</li> <li>An age limit of 36 years at the time of application applies.</li> <li>Applicants who already hold a qualification for the level of funding they are applying for are not eligible.</li> </ul>
<b>FIELDS OF STUDY SUPPORTED</b>	Applicants may come from all those fields of study that have a strong relevance to national development (natural sciences, mathematics, ICT, engineering, agricultural sciences, applied social sciences). The humanities and fine arts are excluded from this programme unless research has a social focus.	Applicants may come from all those fields of study that have a strong relevance to national development (natural sciences, mathematics, ICT, engineering, agricultural sciences, applied social sciences). The humanities and fine arts are excluded from this programme unless research has a social focus.
<b>VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP</b>	R40 000.00 p.a.	R65 000 p.a.
<b>SUPPLEMENTATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship-holders are allowed to hold non-binding 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> <li>Scholarship-holders 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> <li>Scholarship-holders may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they are reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institution tariff for services rendered.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship-holders are allowed to hold non-binding 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> <li>Scholarship-holders 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> <li>Scholarship-holders may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they are reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institution tariff for services rendered.</li> </ul>
<b>PERIOD OF SUPPORT</b>	2 years	3 years
<b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<a href="http://phoenweb.nrf.ac.za/tpf12">http://phoenweb.nrf.ac.za/tpf12</a>	

## 2.8 INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH TRAINING GROUP (IRTG) SCHOLARSHIPS

Hosted by Stellenbosch University (SU) and the University of Cape Town (UCT), the NRF-funded International Research Training Group (IRTG), HIV/AIDS and Associated Infectious Diseases in South Africa, is offering doctoral study opportunities for students interested in scientific research focusing on infectious diseases. In close collaboration with research groups from Würzburg University, successful students at SU and UCT will work on research around Infectious diseases caused by HIV.

This is an exchange programme with the Würzburg partner laboratories where corresponding fellowships are created by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft or German Research Foundation (DFG) to promote a collaborative post-graduate education programme which is central to the IRTG Programme. Participants are expected to actively participate in these activities including regular "jours fixes", seminars etc. They will be given the opportunity to attend retreats and summer schools on relevant topics. They will spend approximately six months during their period of study at the partner laboratories in Würzburg. The exchange component is also funded by the NRF.

Additional information about the IRTG projects can be found at:  
<http://www.gk-1522.uni-wuerzburg.de>.

### Eligibility:

- South African students from previously disadvantaged groups are encouraged to apply.
- Applicants must have a Master's degree in a relevant area.
- Applicants should not have failed any major subjects/courses taken during Master's study.
- Previous degree should normally have been completed in the minimum period (certain exceptions are applicable).

### How to Apply:

Contact the respective university's Postgraduate Office (Stellenbosch University or University of Cape Town)



### 3. TRAVEL GRANTS

TYPE OF APPLICATION	VALUE OF AWARD	TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL GRANT	HOW TO APPLY
<b>NRF FREE-STANDING MASTERS, DOCTORAL AND POST-DOCTORAL TRAVEL GRANT</b>	Up to R5 000 once-off	Once-off contribution of up to R5 000 towards the travel costs of the Master's, Doctoral scholarship-holder/post-doctoral fellowship-holder during the tenure of the scholarship to either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>attend one conference (locally or abroad) during the tenure of the scholarship with the proviso that he/she will be making a contribution at the conference (e.g. present a paper, poster) and/or</li> <li>visit a laboratory locally or abroad for two to three months provided it is linked to the scholarship-holder's research plan or</li> <li>travel abroad (only in the case of doctoral students studying abroad).</li> </ul>	For an application form, contact your financial aid/bursary/postgraduate office of the institution where you are registering to study.
<b>DST INNOVATION/SCARCE SKILLS MASTER'S TRAVEL GRANT</b>	Up to R10 000 once-off	Once-off contribution of up to R10 000 towards the travel costs of the scholarship-holder during the tenure of the scholarship to either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>attend one conference (locally or abroad) during the tenure of the scholarship with the proviso that he/she will be making a contribution at the conference (e.g. present a paper, poster) and/or</li> <li>visit a laboratory locally or abroad for two to three months provided it is linked to the scholarship-holder's research plan.</li> </ul>	For an application form, contact your financial aid/bursary/postgraduate office of the institution where you are registering to study.
<b>DST INNOVATION/SCARCE SKILLS DOCTORAL TRAVEL GRANT</b>	Up to R15 000 (local travel) and R40 000 (travel abroad)	Once-off contribution of up to R40 000 (conference abroad) and R15 000 (local conference) towards the travel costs of the scholarship-holder during the tenure of the scholarship to either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>attend one conference locally (for up to R15 000) and abroad (for up to R40 000) during the tenure of the scholarship with the proviso that he/she will be making a contribution at the conference (e.g. present a paper, poster) and/or</li> <li>visit a laboratory locally or abroad for two to three months provided it is linked to the scholarship-holder's research plan and</li> </ul>	For an application form, contact your financial aid/bursary/postgraduate office of the institution where you are registering to study.
<b>DST INNOVATION/SCARCE SKILLS POST-DOCTORAL TRAVEL GRANT</b>	Up to R15 000 (local travel) and R40 000 (travel abroad)	Once-off contribution of up to R40 000 (conference abroad) and R15 000 (local conference) towards the travel costs of the scholarship-holder during the tenure of the scholarship to either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>attend one conference locally (for up to R15 000) and abroad (for up to R40 000) during the tenure of the scholarship with the proviso that he/she will be making a contribution at the conference (e.g. present a paper, poster) and/or</li> <li>visit a laboratory locally or abroad for two to three months provided it is linked to the scholarship-holder's research plan and</li> </ul>	For an application form, contact your financial aid/bursary/postgraduate office of the institution where you are registering to study.
<b>SKA TRAVEL GRANT</b>	Masters: R14 500 p.a. travel grant Doctoral: R19 000 p.a. travel grant	Once-off contribution of up to R14 500 for Master's and R19 000 for Doctoral towards the travel costs of the scholarship-holder per annum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend one conference abroad with the proviso that he/she will be making a contribution at the conference (e.g. present a paper, poster) and/or</li> <li>Visit a laboratory locally or abroad for two to three months provided it is linked to the scholarship-holder's research plan and</li> <li>Attend one conference locally with the proviso that he/she will be making a contribution at the conference (e.g. present a paper, poster)</li> </ul>	For an application form, contact your financial aid/bursary/postgraduate office of the institution where you are registering to study.

### 4. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARD

#### General:

Successful candidates will be required to sign an agreement with the NRF and provide proof of registration for the degree concerned before the scholarship or fellowship will be paid to the institution.

Awards are made provisionally subject to the awardee meeting all NRF requirements and conditions of grant.

After an award is made, a change in course of study or institution where the study is to be undertaken requires prior approval from the NRF. Support for the second year (and third year in the case of doctoral studies) is subject to the outcome of an application for renewal by the candidate and the supervisor's confirmation that the scholarship-holder/fellowship-holder is making good progress in the approved field of study.

Students who do not obtain the degree for which the scholarship was awarded, relinquish their studies or leave the tertiary institution during the period for which the scholarship was awarded will have to refund all payments of the scholarship already received plus interest to the NRF.

Candidates are to declare all supplementary scholarships/fellowships and employment information to the NRF before accepting the award. All post-doctoral fellowships can be topped up by grant-holder running costs up to a value of R20 000 p.a. When the post-doctoral fellowship is topped up by other sources, a value up to half of the fellowship value is allowed. Should the candidate be in breach of this condition, the candidate will have to refund all payments of the scholarship/fellowship already received plus interest to the NRF. On completion of the studies/research, students are required to submit proof of the degree concerned to the NRF, or a final report in the case of post-doctoral fellows.





The award of these scholarships to students will be based on potential and academic performance. The following selection criteria are taken into consideration:

- Academic merit
- Promise of research ability
- Significance and relevance of proposed research
- Leadership qualities
- Previous prizes and awards
- The likelihood that the candidate will successfully complete an Honours, Master's, Doctoral degree or post-Doctoral research
- Capacity of institutional research support and expertise to support application
- Recommendation of supervisor and referees
- Race and gender targets (previously disadvantaged individuals and specifically black females will be given priority)
- The scientific merit of the application: i.e. how well the research problem is conceptualised and how well and appropriate the approaches/methods are described.
- In the case of SKA and SABI applications, the fit to their respective objectives will be evaluated. Proposals that do not include a motivation will not be considered for support.

Scholarship Assessment Panels:

Applications will be considered by panels consisting of highly acclaimed academic members in the research community covering the various disciplines supported by the NRF. The assessment of candidates will be based on all available evidence of ability and potential, including academic records and recommendations sent to the assessment panel. Where the selection panel deem necessary, potential awardees may have to be interviewed. Selection of awardees will be done in merit order.

In the case of postdoctoral fellowships, publications are considered an advantage to the application. The NRF reserves the right to apply its equity and gender targets in line with its objectives, where it deems necessary.

An annual call for renewal of the scholarship/fellowship will be published each year around September/October. Eligible scholarship and fellowship holders are expected to apply for renewal by completing the Annual Progress Report (APR) through the on-line process. Scholarship and fellowship holders eligible for renewal will be contacted by the university post-graduate/research office to inform them about the renewal process.

<b>HONOURS SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AS A BLOCK GRANT TO INSTITUTIONS</b>	Not renewable
<b>MASTER'S STUDY</b>	If the applicant has made satisfactory progress and is supported by the supervisor, renewal of the scholarship for the subsequent year will be considered.
<b>DOCTORAL STUDY</b>	If the applicant has made satisfactory progress during the first/second year of doctoral study and is supported by the supervisor, renewal of the scholarship for the subsequent year, or part thereof, will be considered.
<b>POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS</b>	Renewals of fellowships for a second year will depend on the outputs and progress made during the first year of support. Applications for the renewal of postdoctoral fellowships for a second year of support have to be made to the NRF at least six weeks prior to the expiry of the existing fellowship.

NB:  
The NRF will not support studies which exceed the periods above, i.e. third year of Master's or fourth year of Doctoral studies.  
\*Renewals are subject to availability of funds\*

For enquiries contact the university Bursary/Financial Aid Office of the institution where you intend registering for your scholarship/fellowship. If they are unable to assist you, then contact the NRF Student Support Desk (Mondays to Fridays, 08:00 to 16:30) on:

E-mail: [studentsupport@nrf.ac.za](mailto:studentsupport@nrf.ac.za)

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