



ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS FOR THE DSTI-NRF CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE (CoEs) FIRST-TIME MASTERS AND DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FUNDING IN 2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI) and National Research Foundation (NRF) are pleased to announce the **provisional awards** for the DSTI NRF Centres of Excellence (CoEs) First-Time Doctoral Scholarships in 2025. The awards have been made according to the strategic objectives of the CoE funding instruments, the DSTI-NRF Postgraduate Funding Policy, the available budget and the funding decision by respective CoEs. Successful applications for DSTI-NRF CoE First-Time Masters and Doctoral Scholarships are listed in the Table 1 and Table 2. Candidates are either awarded at Full Cost of Study (FCS) or Partial Cost of Study (PCS).

PLEASE NOTE:

- If your name appears in the tables below, you have been **provisionally successful** in receiving an award for 2025, provided that you meet the minimum requirements according to the NRF Postgraduate Scholarships Call for 2024, the Framework Document and the Conditions of Grant.
- Successful candidates will be able to view and download their award letters in January 2025, via NRF Connect against their application.
- Read through the Conditions of Grant and award letter documents carefully before accepting the award.
- **Guidelines on how to accept the award:** <https://www.nrf.ac.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Acceptance-of-Award.pdf>
- Should you not meet the relevant requirements for FCS or PCS funding, the NRF reserves the right not to award the scholarship.
- Should you not meet the relevant requirements for FCS funding, the NRF reserves the right to change your scholarship to PCS funding.
- Funds will only be released once the required compulsory documentation are received and are processed successfully by the NRF.



- Students (South Africans and Permanent Residents) that have achieved $\geq 75\%$ and are awarded at PCS funding should not accept the award on the system, but rather contact the Designated Authority (DA) and provide the proof of academic achievement.
- Awards not taken up by 30 April 2025 will be automatically cancelled, unless otherwise approved by the NRF. Students that will be taking up funding in the second semester should notify the NRF in writing via the institutional office and obtain the necessary approvals.
- If your name does not appear in the Tables below or any other published list of successful applicants, it means you have not been awarded a scholarship for 2025.
- Formal feedback to unsuccessful candidates will be provided between January and March 2025.
- The NRF provides feedback to unsuccessful candidates via the NRF Connect against their application.
- The NRF has made all attempts to support Financial Needy students at FCS however not all Financial Needy students could be supported at FCS due to budget constraints.
- Students who have been awarded partial costs of funding and have applied for ISFAP assessment and which is still pending, may be upgraded to full cost upon receipt of a positive outcome. Similarly, students who have pending academic results, may also be upgraded from partial to full costs upon receipt of qualifying outcomes.
- Students are encouraged to carefully read the conditions of grant and the Framework Document before accepting the award.
- All programme eligibility requirements will be confirmed by the institutional office and the NRF on acceptance of award. **The NRF reserves the right to withdraw and cancel the scholarship should the applicant fail to meet all necessary conditions and/or requirements as stated in the NRF Postgraduate Scholarships Call for 2025, the Framework Document and the Conditions of Grant.**
- Students are encouraged to firstly direct any queries to the department or research office and Designated Authority of their registered institution for their intended degree, secondly to the Manager of the CoE to which students are attached, and lastly to the NRF and which case it should be directed to **Ms Mandisa Cele** via email: MC.Cele@risa.nrf.ac.za. Any query which has not followed this route will not be entertained by the NRF unless it is an aspect of the award which is directly and only controlled by the NRF.



Table 1: List of Successful Applicants for DSTI-NRF Masters Scholarships for Funding in 2025 Academic Year

No.	Application Reference Number	Title	First Name	Last Name	Institution Name	Scholarship Type
1	PMDS240626233344	Mr	Siyabonga	Myawe	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Masters
2	PMDS240627233996	Miss	Ingrid	Krüger	University of Pretoria	Masters
3	PMDS240627234238	Ms	Nomaswazi	Makhombothi	University of the Witwatersrand	Masters
4	PMDS240701236049	Miss	Jazmynn	Eksteen	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Masters
5	PMDS240701236076	Mr	Aubrey	Matsila	University of the Witwatersrand	Masters
6	PMDS240701236465	Miss	Matebello Petunia	Mokoena	University of the Witwatersrand	Masters
7	PMDS240701236496	Miss	Zanele	Mdunakazi	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Masters
8	PMDS240701236666	Miss	Thubelihle	Mtolo	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Masters
9	PMDS240702237122	Miss	Sinethemba	Kheswa	University of the Witwatersrand	Masters
10	PMDS240702237187	Ms	Mbalenhle	Sigudu	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Masters
11	PMDS240702237275	Miss	Ishta	Maharaj	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Masters
12	PMDS240702237723	Miss	Myrix	Massamba	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Masters
13	PMDS240703239444	Miss	Judy	Makwela	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Masters
14	PMDS240703239457	Miss	Olleen	Naidoo	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Masters
15	PMDS240704239938	Dr	Joyce	Adidja	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Masters
16	PMDS240704239971	Mr	Bokani	Moyo	University of Cape Town	Masters
17	PMDS240705240171	Ms	Amahle	Ntuli	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Masters
18	PMDS240527221462	Mr	mangapa jason raymond	Moloto	University of Limpopo	Masters
19	PMDS240619229498	Miss	Puleng	Nthebe	University of the Witwatersrand	Masters
20	PMDS240619229337	Ms	Christine	Bau	University of the Witwatersrand	Masters



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21	PMDS240527221405	Mr	Navin	Philip	University of the Witwatersrand	Masters
22	PMDS240524220550	Mr	Okhwathisa	Nemunzhele	University of the Witwatersrand	Masters
23	PMDS240618228547	Ms	Molebeledi	Shuping	University of the Witwatersrand	Masters
24	PMDS240527221165	Mr	Steven Jakie	Matome	University of Pretoria	Masters
25	PMDS240603223416	Ms	Ané	Kotzé	University of Cape Town	Masters
26	PMDS240617228466	Miss	Dana	Chiles	University of Cape Town	Masters
27	PMDS240703239444	Miss	Judy	Makwela	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Masters
28	PMDS240703239457	Miss	Olleen	Naidoo	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Masters
29	PMDS240704239938	Dr	Joyce	Adidja	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Masters
30	PMDS240705240171	Ms	Amahle	Ntuli	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Masters
31	PMDS240621230775	Ms	Lethiwe	Zondo	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Masters
32	PMDS240613227476	Ms	Isabel	de Beer	University of Cape Town	Masters
33	PMDS240610226096	Miss	Marang	Keebine	University of Cape Town	Masters
34	PMDS240614227575	Miss	Tshireletso	Khasuli	University of the Free State (Bloemfontein Campus)	Masters
35	PMDS240603223657	Mr	Cole	NaamdheW	University of the Witwatersrand	Masters
36	PMDS240612227095	Miss	Kakgiso	Makwela	University of Venda	Masters
37	PMDS240611226645	Miss	Nthabiseng	Meleke	University of the Witwatersrand	Masters
38	PMDS240603223373	Miss	Ongezwa	Tuswa	University of Pretoria	Masters
39	PMDS240528221955	Miss	Vuyiswa	Mochochoko	University of the Witwatersrand	Masters
40	PMDS240528221951	Miss	Liyabona	Makapela	University of the Witwatersrand	Masters
41	PMDS240530222341	Miss	Bakang Vanessa	Makgale	University of the Witwatersrand	Masters
42	PMDS240530222301	Miss	Keatletse	Segaetsho	University of the Witwatersrand	Masters
43	PMDS240625232562	Miss	Elizabeth Laniel	Wessels	University of Pretoria	Masters
44	PMDS240626233623	Mr	Mulanga Junior	Masakona	University of Johannesburg	Masters
45	PMDS240626233237	Ms	RENEILWE	MASHILO	University of the Witwatersrand	Masters
46	PMDS240615227879	Miss	ELIHLE	JOJILE	University of Fort Hare	Masters

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47	PMDS240716246410	Miss	Giulia	Damilano	University of Pretoria	Masters
48	PMDS240717247001	Miss	Sonto	Pholoana	University of Pretoria	Masters
49	PMDS240623231321	Mr	Siphamandla	Dlamini	University of the Western Cape	Masters
50	PMDS240717247240	Mr	Jackie Mpho Matome	Rikhotso	University of Venda	Masters

Table 2: List of Successful Applicants for DSTI-NRF Doctoral Scholarships for Funding in 2025 Academic Year

No.	Reference	Title	First Name	Last Name	Institution Name	Scholarship Type
1	PMDS240530222298	Ms	HAPPNES	Ngobeni	University of Venda	Doctoral
2	PMDS240530222411	Miss	Slungile	Tshibase	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Doctoral
3	PMDS240603223486	Mr	Itumeleng	Dinku	North-West University	Doctoral
4	PMDS240607225199	Ms	Enele	Twala	University of the Witwatersrand	Doctoral
5	PMDS240608225451	Miss	Onesipho	Ntombela	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Doctoral
6	PMDS240612226859	Miss	Snothile	Manyathi	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Doctoral
7	PMDS240613227497	Miss	Erin	Lund	University of the Witwatersrand	Doctoral
8	PMDS240614227598	Mr	Naeem	Ismail	North-West University	Doctoral
9	PMDS240619229354	Mr	Fay-yaad	Toefy	University of Cape Town	Doctoral
10	PMDS240623231400	Mr	Lindani	Cele	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Doctoral
11	PMDS240624232115	Miss	Anelisiwe	Siteto	University of the Witwatersrand	Doctoral
12	PMDS240625232955	Miss	Nomcebo Emelda	Mtshali	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Doctoral
13	PMDS240702237229	Mr	Fonda	Matlhaga	University of the Witwatersrand	Doctoral
14	PMDS240702237744	Ms	Nhlayiso Atalia	Maswanganyi	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Doctoral
15	PMDS240702238005	Miss	Marishka	Govender	Nelson Mandela University	Doctoral
16	PMDS240704239787	Miss	Andile	Khumalo	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Doctoral
17	PMDS240704239847	Mr	Sashendren	Govender	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Doctoral



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18	PMDS240713244751	Ms	Martha	Nyirenda	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Doctoral
19	PMDS240611226653	Mr	Sheldon	Viviers	University of Cape Town	Doctoral
20	PMDS240702237757	Mr	David Ezra	Russo	University of the Witwatersrand	Doctoral
21	PMDS240624231662	Miss	Liseloane	Malelu	University of the Witwatersrand	Doctoral
22	PMDS240710243106	Mr	Michael	Parker-Nance	University of Cape Town	Doctoral

We congratulate all new 2025 awardees!