



ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS FOR THE NRF FIRST-TIME MANUS MATSCI MASTERS AND DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FUNDING IN 2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI) and National Research Foundation (NRF) are pleased to announce the **provisional awards** for the NRF-Manus MatSci Master's and Doctoral Scholarships in 2026. The awards have been made according to the strategic objectives of the doctoral and Master's funding instruments, the DSTI-NRF Postgraduate Funding Policy and the available budget. Successful applications for NRF-Manus Matsci Master's and Doctoral Scholarships are listed in the Table 1 (Master's) and Table 2 (Doctoral). Candidates are awarded at Full Cost of Study (FCS).

PLEASE NOTE:

- If your name appears in the tables below, you have been **provisionally successful** in receiving an award for 2026, provided that you meet the minimum requirements according to the DSTI-NRF Postgraduate Scholarship Framework for 2026, DSTI-NRF Master's and Doctoral Application and Funding Guide, and the Conditions of Grant.
- Successful candidates will receive notifications to view and download their scholarship award letters and conditions of grant, as well as accept the award via the NRF Connect system.
- The awarded candidates must carefully read the Award Letter, Conditions of Grant and the Additional Conditions of Grant documents before accepting the award.
- **Guidelines on how to accept the award on the NRF Connect System:** <https://www.nrf.ac.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Acceptance-of-Award.pdf>
- Once the successful candidate has accepted the award on the NRF Connect System. The Designated Authority from the university postgraduate/research office must validate and accept the award on behalf of the institution before it can be created as a grant on the Connect system.
- The NRF has made all attempts to support Financial Needy applicants at FCS however not all Financial Needy candidates could be supported at FCS due to budget constraints. The NRF will not consider requests from students for category changes from PCS to FCS based on financial need.



- Should it later be discovered that the candidate does not meet the relevant requirements for FCS or PCS funding, the NRF reserves the right to retract the awarded scholarship.
- Should the candidate not meet the relevant requirements for FCS funding, the NRF reserves the right to change the scholarship to PCS funding.
- Funds will only be released once the award has been accepted on NRF Connect and all required documentation uploaded to the grant on the NRF Connect System.
- The scholarship award must be taken up within Two (2) months from the date of issue of the letter of award, unless otherwise approved by the NRF. Awards not taken up within Two (2) months from the date of issue of the award letter, will be automatically cancelled. Candidates that will be taking up funding in the second semester should notify the NRF in writing via the Designated Authority at the institution's postgraduate/research office and obtain the necessary approvals.
- If your name does not appear in the Table below or any other published list of successful applicants, it means you have not been awarded a scholarship for 2026.
- Feedback letters to unsuccessful candidates will be provided between January and March 2026.
- 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 DSTI-NRF Postgraduate Scholarship Framework for 2026, DSTI-NRF Master's and Doctoral Application and Funding Guide, and the Conditions of Grant.**



Table 1: List of Successful Applicants for NRF-Manus Matsci Masters Scholarships for Funding in 2026 Academic Year

Reference	Title	First Name	Last Name	Institution Name	FCS/ PCS
PMDS250524316020	Mr	Mnqobi	Zuma	University of the Western Cape	FCS
PMDS250620324975	Mr	Ntuthuzelo	Nqeketho	University of the Western Cape	FCS
PMDS250626329213	Mr	Moegamat Anees	Petersen	University of the Western Cape	FCS
PMDS250530317960	Ms	Alicia	Mandlazi	University of the Western Cape	FCS
PMDS250627329552	Mr	Zade	Adams	University of the Western Cape	FCS
PMDS250630331967	Ms	Ndzalama Shaun	Khoza	University of the Western Cape	FCS

Table 2: List of Successful Applicants for NRF-Manus Matsci Doctoral Scholarships for funding in 2026 Academic Year.

Reference	Title	First Name	Last Name	Institution Name	FCS/ PCS
PMDS250518313861	Mr	Mziwandile	Sibiya	University of the Western Cape	FCS
PMDS250526316379	Miss	Nosihle	Msabala	University of Zululand	FCS
PMDS250609320683	Miss	Vuyolwethu	Mhlebi	University of Zululand	FCS
PMDS250621325656	Miss	Busisiwe	Mbatha	University of Zululand	FCS
PMDS250622325869	Miss	Lwazikazi	Maqungo	University of the Western Cape	FCS
PMDS250627329320	Mr	Katleho	Phoswayo	University of the Western Cape	FCS
PMDS250701332300	Mr	Remember Ayanda	Madonsela	University of Zululand	FCS

We congratulate all new 2026 awardees.