



## ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS FOR THE NRF-SASOL MASTERS AND DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FUNDING IN 2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI), National Research Foundation (NRF) and SASOL Foundation are pleased to announce the **provisional awards** for the NRF-SASOL Masters and Doctoral Scholarships in 2026. The awards have been made according to the strategic objectives of the NRF-SASOL funding instrument, the DSTI-NRF Postgraduate Funding Policy and the available budget. Successful applications for NRF-SASOL Masters and Doctoral Scholarships are listed in the Table 1 (masters) 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 Masters 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.



- Should it later be discovered that the candidate does not meet the relevant requirements for FCS 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 Masters and Doctoral Application and Funding Guide, and the Conditions of Grant.**



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

Reference	Institution	Title	Name and Surname	FCS/PCS
PMDS250620325078	North-West University	Mr	Temoso Moela	FCS
PMDS250526316383	North-West University	Mr	Mihlali Ntozonke	FCS
PMDS250623326656	North-West University	Miss	Zizipho Gqwetha	FCS
PMDS250529317518	University of Fort Hare	Miss	Sindisiwe Ndzoyiya	FCS
PMDS250603319017	University of Fort Hare	Miss	Sinesipho Mbandezi	FCS
PMDS250612321970	University of Fort Hare	Mr	Yambesa Mphathiswa	FCS
PMDS250611321761	University of Fort Hare	Miss	Thandokazi Mtengwane	FCS
PMDS250527317058	University of Fort Hare	Mr	Bulelani Alam	FCS
PMDS250613322529	University of Fort Hare	Mr	Athenkosi Maboza	FCS
PMDS250701332373	University of Fort Hare	Ms	Akhona Dlamini	FCS
PMDS250702333198	University of Limpopo	Miss	Sandrah Matshwene Mahlekgane	FCS
PMDS250516313235	University of Limpopo	Mr	Kabelo Mawela	FCS
PMDS250617323624	University of Limpopo	Miss	Amogelang Makgopa	FCS
PMDS250618323893	University of Limpopo	Miss	Rose Mashabela	FCS
PMDS250614322755	University of Limpopo	Mr	Mathews Makololo	FCS
PMDS250610321080	University of Limpopo	Miss	Selina Meyagabo Matlakala	FCS
PMDS250618323872	University of Limpopo	Miss	Hlapi Ucanice Moeng	FCS
PMDS250630331518	University of Limpopo	Miss	Queen SEGABETLA	FCS
PMDS250625328048	University of Limpopo	Ms	Masegeleng Boitumelo Maredi	FCS
PMDS250521315207	University of the Free State	Mr	Buyani Mosiea	FCS



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PMDS250603318799	University of the Free State	Miss	Tdube Dube	FCS
PMDS250625328300	University of the Free State	Miss	Silondile Amahle Khumalo	FCS
PMDS250625328412	University of the Free State	Miss	Noluthando SITHOLE	FCS
PMDS250627329452	University of the Western Cape	Miss	Mfaladi Tsotetsi	FCS
PMDS250612322309	University of Venda	Ms	Rilwele Hope Netshisaulu	FCS
PMDS250625328315	University of Venda	Ms	Precious Mulalo Mumbedzi	FCS
PMDS250630331410	University of Venda	Ms	Elelwani Manthata	FCS
PMDS250710340210	University of Venda	Ms	Kamogelo Tintswalo Machimane	FCS
PMDS250614322792	University of Venda	Ms	Dikabelo Tseputji Matenchi	FCS
PMDS250629330732	University of Venda	Mr	Musha Munonde	FCS
PMDS250616323084	University of Venda	Miss	Ampfarisaho Lorraine Netsianda	FCS
PMDS250620325263	University of Venda	Ms	Masindi Vhuhwavho Masindi	FCS
PMDS250701332040	University of Venda	Miss	Hlalala Pearl Masingi	FCS



**Table 2: List of Successful Applicants for NRF-SASOL Doctoral Scholarships for Funding in 2026 Academic Year**

Reference	Institution	Title	Name and Surname	FCS/PCS
PMDS250605319806	North-West University	Miss	Keotshepile Amanda Malebadi	FCS
PMDS250520314522	University of Fort Hare	Miss	Namhla Sotondoshe	FCS
PMDS250609320586	University of Fort Hare	Miss	Nolufefe Magama	FCS
PMDS250617323344	University of Limpopo	Miss	Ramasela Salphy Monama	FCS
PMDS250617323485	University of Limpopo	Mr	Reginald Khumotso Mothapo	FCS
PMDS250622325959	University of the Western Cape	Miss	Lebohng Morake	FCS
PMDS250619324609	University of the Western Cape	Ms	Rezaan Lamees Dreyer	FCS
PMDS250701332255	University of the Western Cape	Miss	Thandiwe Mazibuko	FCS
PMDS250621325421	University of Venda	Miss	Neria Rambevha	FCS
PMDS250704335765	University of Venda	Ms	Thinawanga Jennifer Mabidi	FCS
PMDS250520314533	University of Venda	Ms	Ntumbuluko Mashele	FCS
PMDS250604319223	University of Venda	Ms	Shibe Ncina Mogolla	FCS
PMDS250528317235	University of Venda	Mr	Phumudzo Sithole	FCS
PMDS250612322112	University of Venda	Miss	Lesedi Rambevha	FCS
PMDS250624327001	University of Venda	Mr	Tshilidzi Budeli	FCS
PMDS250610321206	University of Venda	Miss	Aluwani Nephithidi	FCS
PMDS250620324892	University of Venda	Mr	Rolivhuwa Makotole	FCS

**We congratulate all new 2026 awardees.**