

SU Summary

SU Internal Closing Date: 8 June 2018

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Broad disciplines supported for Masters and Doctoral Scholarships

Accounting	Actuarial Science	Agricultural Sciences	Astronomy
Auditing	Bioinformatics*	Biotechnology	Cellular and Molecular Biology
Chemistry	Climate Change*	Computer science	Demography
Drug Discovery and Development*	Earth Sciences	Earth Observation*	Ecology
Economic Sciences	Education	Engineering	Environmental Sciences
Financial Management	Functional Genomics*	Geology	Global Change, Society and Sustainability*
Health Sciences	Information Science	Information Systems	Indigenous Knowledge Systems*
Law	Mathematical Sciences	Marine Sciences*	Medicinal Plant *
Medical sciences	Nanotechnology*	Nuclear Technologies in Medicine and Biosciences*	Palaeosciences*

Polar Science*	Physics	Renewable Energy*	Social Science and Humanities
Space Science*	Statistics	Transportation Studies	Tourism

Priority Research Areas*

SASAC criteria

With respect to SASAC Doctoral scholarships, details of the proposed research must demonstrate clear alignment with IIASA's research programmes and national [research priority areas](#). IIASA's nine research areas are Advanced Systems Analysis; Ecosystems Services and Management; Energy; Evolution and Ecology; Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases; Risk and Resilience; Transitions to New Technologies; World Population and Water.

TWAS Eligibility criteria

- Applicants must register at a South African public university in 2019 on a **full-time basis** and may be based at any South African public research institution including Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), Science Councils and National Research Facilities. For details of Recognised HEIs and other Public Research Institutions [click here](#).
- The NRF-TWAS Doctoral Scholarships are only open to **citizens and permanent residents from developing countries in and outside Africa. South Africans are not eligible to apply**. Refer to Table 8 for the list of eligible developing countries and Table 9 for the list of 66 priority countries for TWAS funding.
- Applicants may not be living, studying or working in South Africa at the time of application.
- Applicants who were previously employed or studying towards a degree or undertaking research in South Africa, and have returned to their country of origin but have been in their country of origin for less than two (2) years are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be thirty five **(35) years of age or younger on the 31st of December** of the year of application for the Doctoral scholarship.

- Visa and immigration laws of the applicant's home country and South Africa must be met by the applicant. The applicant must secure his/her own Visa or study permit under the programme for study in South Africa. **Neither NRF nor TWAS will be responsible for assisting with visa requirements.**
- Upon completion of the studies, all successful applicants must return to their country of origin. **Students who fail to return to their home country will be liable to pay back the amount to the NRF equal to the number of years of study support they have received.**
- Applicants who wish to pursue research under Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) disciplines will be supported through the Scholarship.

Attachments NRF-TWAS Doctoral

Applicants must attach the following documents on the Attachment section of the online application:

- i. Certified copy of their Passport;
- ii. Proof of evaluation of all foreign qualifications (obtained from non-South African universities) evaluated by the South African Qualification Authority (SAQA) **or** proof that the applicant has submitted his/her qualifications for evaluation to SAQA. Failure to submit proof will result in the application being rejected. Further information on the process can be accessed by logging on to www.saqa.org.za;
- iii. English language proficiency certificate (if available at the time of the application). If not available, this will be required before NRF funds are released to the student. Applicants must meet the following requirements of the English Language Proficiency Academic test: IELTS 6.5 (no band less than 6.0); or TOEFL (paper) 575 (TWE 4.5); or TOEFL iBIT (min. 20); or Cambridge minimum 58. Information on the IELTS tests can be obtained from the British Council in applicant's home country or accessed at: www.ielts.org. Further information on the TOEFL test can be accessed at: www.toefl.com. Applicants may consult the British Council in their home country for assistance;
- iv. Acceptance letter from the South African university: Applicants must provide an official acceptance letter from their South African institution, department or laboratory and a motivation from the prospective Doctoral supervisor. It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact the respective institution to apply for acceptance and to secure a supervisor for the study; and
- v. Certified academic record

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all attachments are translated into English as a medium of communication. Applications without supporting documents will be rejected.

DAAD, Innovation, Freestanding, Scarce Skills Development Fund

Students not eligible for support

- Students who already hold NRF funding for Masters (in 1st year of funding) or Doctoral studies (in 1st or 2nd year of funding) must not apply, they should submit a Progress Report (PR) to renew funding for the following year as per the Conditions of Grant.
- Individuals that already hold a degree at the level at which they intend studying, are not eligible to apply, .e.g. individuals already holding a Master's degree, may not apply for a scholarship for Masters Studies.
- Students who are intending to register for or that are studying for a 100% Masters by Coursework-, Professional Masters- or Doctoral degree, may not apply for any of these scholarships.
- Students pursuing Masters studies who commenced their degree before 2018.
- Students pursuing Doctoral studies who commenced their degree before 2017.
- Individuals that will be in full-time salaried, contractual or permanent employment while pursuing Masters or Doctoral studies may not apply.
- Individuals that are on Sabbatical leave from their employment (including those without paid sabbatical leave) may not apply.

Attachments (excl. TWAS)

Applicants must attach the following documents on the Attachment section of online application:

- i. Certified South African Identity Document or Passport in the case of foreign nationals;
- ii. Certified academic record;
- iii. In the case of applicants with outstanding fees due to the university, applicants are required to attach an official letter from the university confirming their first year of registration for the degree and indicates that the student still has outstanding fees owed to the university;
- iv. Proof of National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) or University Financial Aid funding for applicants who have indicated that they were previously funded by NSFAS; and

- v. In the case that an applicant has indicated disability under the application, the applicant is required to upload proof of the disability

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