



International events under spotlight

In this month's Take Note, the PGIO once again presents scholarships and international opportunities from around the globe. From SAWIP leadership development, to overseas conferences and postgraduate loans and bursaries. Have a good read - it's lengthy!

We're also happy to launch the first International Week at SU. Designed to explore international academic opportunities with our students, the International Week takes place from 17 - 21 February on SU's main campus and will see the PGIO on campus engaging students directly in Q&As, info sessions and conversation. We will look at how you as a student can get involved with international activities right here "at home" and how you can apply for international semester exchanges and summer schools. We will also be hosting representatives from the European Commission to explain the prestigious Erasmus Mundus scholarship programme.

From Antwerpen to Washington, Paris to Berlin. Start your international journey with the PGIO during the International Week, 17 - 21 February. Detailed programme and where to find us [on our](#)

Chinese Lantern Festival



The Chinese Lantern Festival is one of the most auspicious annual Chinese festivals. Lanterns are lit in celebration of the year's first full moon. Buy your ticket at the PGIO or during the International Week and celebrate with us!

[brand new website.](#)

- Date: 19 February 2014 | 18:00
- Place: Academia Hall
- Ticket: R25 p/p (food and games)
- More info: [Available here](#)

New Scholarships and Development Opportunities

2014 NSFAS Loans for Honours

Stellenbosch University received funding for 2014 from the statutory council National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) in the form of loans (not bursaries). Postgraduate students currently registered for HONOURS FIRST YEAR studies, experiencing extreme financial difficulty are invited to apply for support. Application forms are available at the Postgraduate Student Funding Office, Wilcocks building Room 3015, Ryneveld Street, Stellenbosch.

- **Target:** The loan is ONLY available for South African citizens; not student with permanent residency or refugee status. Students should not hold funding from a statutory board e.g. NRF, MRC, DTI
- **Deadline:** 28 March 2014
- **Application Form:** Download form [here](#).

South Africa-Washington International Program (SAWIP)

SAWIP is a youth leadership development programme which recruits emerging leaders across all disciplines and differences in South Africa from the universities of Cape Town, Western Cape and Stellenbosch. Students have a seven month development experience with a six-week global exposure and professional opportunity component in Washington DC.

- **Target:** SAWIP candidates: May be from any academic discipline, must be South African citizens or permanent residents, must be in their second year (or beyond) of university, must be between the age of 19 – 25 years, must be currently studying at the University of Cape Town, the University of Stellenbosch or the University of the Western Cape, should have a record of service and leadership, should envisage themselves as future leaders in South Africa.
- **Deadline: Online Applications for 2014 close midnight 14th February 2014.**

- **More Info:** Visit the website [here](#).

Scholarships and Grants for Austria 2014-2015

Students and researchers who are interested in a stay in Austria are welcome to find a wide variety of possible scholarships and grants with the OeAD. The programmes range from broader geographical – and theme- oriented scholarships like the **Ernst Mach** programme, to more specific programmes for individual fields of study (**Franz Werfel** for students of German language and literature; **Richard Plaschka** for historians), also including programmes with a regional focus.

- **Target:** undergraduates and graduates, PhD holders, university lecturers who are primarily occupied with Austrian literature and university lecturers in the field of history who are primarily occupied with Austria-related topics.
- **Deadline:** 1 March
- **More Info:** For more information on the Ernst Mach, Franz Werfel and Richard Plaschka scholarships download the brochure [here](#).

The Future Cape Fellowship

The Josef Korbel School of International Studies and the Western Cape Government invite students from South Africa to apply for the FuturesCape Fellowship, a two-year merit-based scholarship offered to entering, full-time Master's degree candidates at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies. The Fellowship prepares students academically and professionally for careers in high-level policy planning rooted in quantitative analysis. Students accepted as FuturesCape Fellows will receive financial support from the Josef Korbel School and Western Cape Government for travel, housing, and living expenses. The Josef Korbel School—through the Pardee Center—will provide employment for students that will be sufficient to fund adequate housing, living expenses, and books.

- **Target:** The FuturesCape Fellowship will be awarded to one student from South Africa who will pursue graduate studies at the Josef Korbel School. Following graduation from the Josef Korbel School, Fellows will spend one year working for the Western Cape Government consulting in policy analysis for long-term strategic planning.
- **Deadline:** 1 March 2014
- **More info:** For more information and application procedure please download the info document [here](#).

Bradlow Foundation Scholarships

The Bradlow Foundation scholarship is for PhD studies only and is renewable for three years subject to satisfactory progress being made by the student in question. The scholarship covers air travel to and from London at the inception and completion of the studies, university and college fees, accommodation

and some pocket money.

In order to qualify for this scholarship, candidates must first gain admission to St. John's College, Cambridge, where after the Bradlow Foundation will consider whether or not the scholarship will be awarded. The Foundation normally decides in June of a particular year whether to award the scholarship for the academic year starting in October of that year.

- **Target:** PhD students of academic excellence (in any field of study) who display sound social awareness for the award of such scholarships
- **Deadline:** Students should apply to St John's as soon as possible, to ensure that the Bradlow foundation knows by end June whether the candidate has been accepted at Cambridge.
- **More Info:** Download the attachment [here](#).

BRAIN - Incoming Postdoc Fellowships

BRAIN – the Brandenburg Research Academy and International Network – is a pilot programme offering 10 incoming post-doc fellowships for a duration of 24 months to experienced young international researchers. The selected researchers will be given an opportunity to further their academic careers by pursuing research projects in their scientific field at a Brandenburg university of their choice. A mobility and a travel allowance will be provided.

- **Target:** Eligible applicants are non-German nationals residing abroad who have not carried out any research in Germany for the last three years and have undertaken at least three years of research since obtaining their doctorate. Eligible applicants also need to identify a potential host university in Brandenburg and get a letter of agreement from a professor to support their research project.
- **Deadline:** The call for applications is open from January 15th to April 15th, 2014.
- **More Info:** For application details visit the website [here](#) or email brain@mwfk.brandenburg.de

2014 SAMRO Music Bursaries

The SAMRO Music Bursaries are the most substantial awards in music study in Southern Africa. Bursaries are open to citizens of South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland.

- **Target:** Applicants should be registered for a music degree/ diploma at a South African University in 2014. Applications will only be accepted once students have proof of registration for 2014.
- **Deadline:** Applications close on 3 March 2014.
- **More Info:** For more info on bursaries on offer and application process visit the [website here](#).

Upcoming Conferences

The women in Higher Education Conference

The Women in Higher Education Conference is scheduled for the 27th to 28th of March, 2014 at the FNB Conference and Learning Centre in Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa. The theme of the conference is “**Assessing Prospects & Challenges to Career Advancement.**” This forum is being organized by Sild Enterprises business research company based in Randburg in Johannesburg. Career women in higher education are invited to gain knowledge and share their experiences with other notable women who work in the education sector from all over the African continent who will be coming to attend this forum.

- **Deadline:** Book and pay before 15th March
- **More Info:** For full programme details download the brochure [here](#).

GDN Call for 2014 Conference and Awards & Medals Competition

The Global Development Network (GDN) is announcing its 15th Annual Global Development Conference and Awards and Medals Competition (AMC). Applicants can submit abstracts for papers/posters/sessions for the Conference and new research proposals and completed papers for the AMC. This year, the research theme for all submissions is ‘Structural transformation in Africa and Beyond’. The top-ranked Medals finalists to present their papers at the plenary sessions at the 15th Annual Global Development Conference to be held in Accra, Ghana from 18-20 June, Travel and stay will be funded by GDN.

- **Deadline:** Paper and Session Abstracts (including Medals): 31 January, 2014 (Apply). Poster Abstracts: 1 March, 2014 (Apply) Research Proposals (for ORD): 6 March, 2014 (Apply)
- **More Info:** Visit the website [here](#).

Graduate Research Supervision - Experienced Supervisor Professional Development

Supervising students undertaking research projects, dissertations or theses at all levels from pre-degree to doctorates is a significant part of the work of tertiary educators, and the relationship between supervisor and student has been shown to be a critical factor in the retention of students. Therefore, this exploratory workshop seeks to generate and equip delegates with knowledge about current practices across a range of type of organisations and qualification levels.

- **Target Group:** Supervisors who are concerned about student progress, and needing to find smarter ways of working, senior research staff who need to build their capacity to supervise

students, senior research staff at research institutes interested in improving their research supervision skills, senior research staff in these organizations interested in updating their research/supervision skills as part of their CPD, Department Heads, lecturers, research Instructors, research Assistant Professors, research Associate Professors, research professors.

- **More Info:** Download the full brochure [here](#).

Predictive Modelling and Decision Making | 19 - 21 Feb (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)

In this highly anticipating 3-day event, Participants will be equipped with their own sets of analytical skills in analyzing their own data with much clarity and precision. Participants will also learn how to make effective, evidence-based business decisions through the use of proven statistical business tools and techniques. This course is suitable for all range of industries who have little statistics and quantitative background.

- **More Info:** Please call Ms Stella Wong at +65 6222 9638 or email stella@yf-asia.com.

The Annual Conference on Cultural Development in Berlin

The annual conference on Cultural Diplomacy is the world's leading event in the field of cultural diplomacy Co-hosted by the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy and the IMAN Foundation. The Annual Conference will include several parallel sessions taking place in Berlin. The conference will bring together over 300 high level politicians, dignitaries and celebrated artists coming from the fields of international politics, academia and the arts, including an interdisciplinary group of participants traveling to Berlin from all over the world to discuss Cultural Diplomacy in an interdependent world.

- **Applications:** If you would like to reserve a position and participate in the conference, visit the [website here](#)
- **More Information:** visit the [website here](#)

Previously Advertised Opportunities (still tenable)

FirstRand Laurie Dippenaar Postgraduate Scholarship for overseas studies 2014.

The FirstRand Laurie Dippenaar Scholarship, to the value of R400 000 per annum for a maximum of two years, is available to South African citizens for postgraduate study in any discipline at an internationally recognized university of their choice.

- **Target:** Preference is given to applicants under the age of 35 and this has to be for first-time

overseas study. The successful candidates will have excelled academically in their chosen field and will have been able to demonstrate: academic excellence, leadership qualities, community involvement, and ability to be a destiny changer in his or her chosen field.

- **Deadline:** Applications close on the 28th February 2014.
- **More info:** download the information brochure [here](#) and application details [here](#). Email queries can be directed to Beth van Heerden at firststrandpgscholarship@firststrand.co.z

Leibniz-DAAD Research Fellowship Programme in Germany

The Leibniz-DAAD fellowships offer highly-qualified, international postdoctoral researchers, who have recently completed their doctoral studies, the opportunity to conduct research at the Leibniz Institute of their choice in Germany. A jury will select the top 15 candidates by the end of June 2014. The fellowship awarded for 12 months will include: a monthly installment of €2,000, health, accident and personal liability insurance in Germany, a research allowance of €460 p.a. and a two-months German language course in Germany (if desired)

- **Target:** Applicants should neither hold German nationality, nor have resided in Germany for more than six months at the time of application, be able to prove outstanding academic or research achievements, have completed their studies with a PhD or equivalent qualification and have an excellent knowledge of English.
- **Deadline:** 7 March 2014
- **More Info:** download the information brochure [here](#) application details [here](#).

Kader Asmal Fellowships for postgraduate study in Ireland

Canon Collins Trust, on behalf of the Government of Ireland, invites applications for the Kader Asmal Fellowship Programme. The fellowship has two strands. **A:** Eight annual awards for postgraduate study in Business Management; Agriculture, Food Science & nutrition; and Public Administration. **B:** A fellowship in Human Rights Law at Trinity College Dublin to be selected by the Council for the Advancement of the South African Constitution (CASAC).

- **Target:** To apply for this scholarship through the Canon Collins Trust you must: be a national of South Africa or Zimbabwe, legally resident in South Africa, be in possession of a good first degree (minimum second class, upper division or equivalent) or about to graduate in the year of application.
- **Deadline:** 17th February 2014
- **More Information:** visit the [website here](#).

Full graduate scholarships for Black Southern Africans at Dalhousie University, Canada

Dalhousie's Southern African Student Education Project (SASEP) offers qualified black Southern Africans an opportunity to study for an internationally accepted graduate degree (Master's or Doctoral) plus the valuable experience of living in another country.

- **Target:** SASEP provides full scholarship funding to black Southern Africans to pursue graduate degrees so that they may return to Southern Africa to further contribute to the development of their country. Applicants must have completed (or completing) a four-year undergraduate Honours or Master's degree.
- **Deadline:** The current application deadline is March 1, 2014 for study starting in September 2014.
- **More Information:** download the information document [here](#)

DAAD/NRF award 100 new scholarships for Masters and PhD

Each year the DAAD and the National Research Foundation (NRF) award 100 new scholarships for Masters and PhD students at South African universities. The programme is co-funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and the NRF.

- **Target:** Masters and PhD students
- **More Information:** Visit this [website here](#) or email daad@wits.ac.za

The MA International Business & Intercultural Management at Hochschule Heilbronn University

This multi-disciplinary Master Programme that has been developed by the university's business faculties in close consultation with business and industry in response to a challenging and rapidly developing organisational environment. With a focus on sustainable practices, it teaches relevant managerial and analytical skills as well as multi disciplinary knowledge that equips graduates for strategic management positions in departments such as marketing and finance, as well as for leadership functions in international projects.

- **Target:** First degree graduates
- **Deadline:** 15th January or 15th July 2014
- **More Information:** visit the [website here](#) and for queries email mibim@hs-heilbronn.de

Future Cape Town Internships 2013/4 (min. 6 month term)

Future Cape Town is currently looking for energetic people, who are passionate about Cape Town and interested in urbanism to intern at Future Cape Town for 6 months exposing them to a number of their current and future projects. This is an unpaid internship and all internships have a probation period of 1 month.

- **Target:** Mobility and a familiarity with public transport in Cape Town, Speaking a second language in addition to English, e.g. Afrikaans, Xhosa, would be advantageous, A passion for urbanism, in one or several areas is essential, but a related degree is not. Solid research skills, organised working style, creative and proactive attitude. Good oral communication, writing and visual presentation skills
- **Deadline:** Rolling applications accepted but candidates are encouraged to apply sooner rather than later for a 2013/4 internship.
- **More Information:** Visit the webpage [here](#) for application procedure.

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship scheme 2014 – 2015

The Research Grants Council (RGC) of HKSAR will soon invite applications for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme 2014 – 2015. PhD students from all over the world will be recruited to study in Hong Kong as the scheme supports students selected through open competition. In addition to the monthly stipend of HK\$20,000 (approx. US\$2,600) and a travel allowance of HK\$10,000 (approx. US\$1,300) per year for a maximum of three years awarded by the RGC, each awardee of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University will also enjoy a 3-year tuition scholarship.

- **Target:** PhD students
- **More information:** contact Ms Iris Ko at iris.ko@polyu.edu.hk | Visit the Department website: www.ise.polyu.edu.hk

TUBITAK Fellowship for visiting scholars and academic staff on sabbatical leave

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) offers a range of fellowship programmes with generous scholarships for study and research in Turkey. TUBITAK is the leading agency for management, funding and the conduct of research in Turkey. The fellowship programme offers a monthly stipend of up to US\$3 500, travel costs, health insurance. The maximum fellowship duration is 12 months.

- **Target:** Scholars and academic staff who want to conduct research or teach in Turkey.
- **Deadline:** The last working day of each month.

- **More information:** visit the [website](#)

MBA Renewables online course, Beuth University of Applied Sciences

MBA Renewables, the only Master of Business Administration with a focus on renewable energies, which can be studied online, offers a broad mix of qualifications needed in the management of renewable energy companies. Applications for the course starting October are now open. After the first semester, students will spend two weeks on campus in Germany to broaden the exchange experience offered by online forums and virtual group work. The programme is offered by the Berlin-based Beuth University of Applied Sciences in cooperation with Renewables Academy (RENAC)

- **Target:** For detailed info on the course and to apply, visit [the website](#).
- **More information:** email [Silja Kroesche](#) | call 0049 3045 045 052

A*STAR Scholarships in Singapore

A*star scholarships are available as a 2 – 6 month “research internship” for registered Masters and PhD students (SIPGA). If you are a Masters student, perhaps consider the Full degree PhD scholarships (SINGA). If you are busy with your PhD, consider the 2 year ‘research abroad’ opportunity, as state of the art research facilities in Singapore (ARAP).

- **Target:** Masters and PhD students at Stellenbosch University
- **Deadline:** 30 September / 15 November / 30 November/ 31 January; depending on the scholarship opportunity
- **More information:** download the [Information Slide here](#).

TEFL Certificate course: apply now!

The Stellenbosch University Language Centre’s 120-hour TEFL course prepares individuals for a life of adventure teaching English abroad. The University’s TEFL certificate and an undergraduate degree will put you in good stead for an overseas EFL teaching position at either a private language school, government school or tertiary institution. Many of our TEFL trainees who successfully completed our course are teaching in countries such as Saudi Arabia, South Korea, China, Thailand as well as here in South Africa. Seating is limited to a maximum sixteen trainees. For more information on proposed course dates for 2014 follow the website link below.

- **Target:** individuals wishing to teach English abroad.
- **Deadline:** looming; apply as soon as possible. Registration forms and course information can

also be collected from the Language Centre's Unit for Afrikaans and English, 7 Bosman Street. Alternatively, go to the [language centre website](#) and download the forms and information.

- **More info:** email [Melvin du Preez](#) | visit the [website](#).

DAAD Staff Opportunities: Research Stays and Bilateral Exchanges in Europe

SU staff can apply for programmes that promote staff mobility: research stays and bilateral exchanges for academics and scientists.

Research stays for University Academics and Scientists

- **Application deadlines:** 1 October for stays as of February of the following year; 1 April for stays as of August. Applications must be submitted to the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Pretoria
- **Value:** An appropriate flat-rate travel allowance will be paid.
- **Website:** visit the [website here](#).
- **More info:** contact Dr Michael Märlein at maerlein@sun.ac.za

Bilateral Exchange of Academics

Together with the National Research Foundation (NRF) the DAAD offers a programme for the exchange of scientists.

- **Application deadline:** 1 October for stays as of February of the following year; 1 April for stays as of August.
 - **Value:** The DAAD takes charge of the stay expenses in Germany.
 - **Website:** visit the [website here](#).
 - **More info:** contact Dr Michael Märlein at maerlein@sun.ac.za
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