

# TAKE NOTE




Local and international scholarships and developmental opportunities

## WELCOME TO TAKE NOTE

It's hard to believe that as the fourth and final term of the year is on our doorstep, this will be the sixteenth edition of the Take Note Newsletter! Just as ever, we have been working hard to synthesize as many of the scholarships, bursaries and development opportunities as we can. With the escalating intensity and rigour that characterizes this period, we hope that TakeNote will make life just a little bit easier. Please feel free to contact us with any queries and suggestions.

What you can expect in this week's edition are the Swiss Excellence Scholarships covering a range of fields, the prestigious Commonwealth Scholarship for the UK and the Bern Scholarship Programme for Masters candidates. Additionally, we have something for our humanities students who are invited to apply for the Mica and Ahmet Ertegun Scholarships at Oxford and the Volkswagen Foundation fellowships in the Humanities are also highlighted. Finally the AAUW International Fellowship for Women invites applications for Masters and PhDs and the Australia Awards Scholarships which offer postgraduate scholarships leading to academic qualification from an Australian university. Please note; that as we update the newsletter we only remove opportunities that have expired deadlines, be sure to browse the whole newsletter for opportunities that have not been listed above.

Lastly, the deadlines for upcoming scholarships and opportunities

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## POP UP and AWAY!

Keep your eyes peeled for the "[POP UP and AWAY International Week](#)" from 21-23 September! Driven by the experiences of students who have travelled abroad with the PGIO, a series of 'pop up' events, from a 'World Cafe' to an exhibition of the best travel photos, hopes to encourage other students to take up these great opportunities.

are highlighted below in the 'Deadlines to Note' section, to ensure that you start all your applications EARLY so that you have enough time to navigate all the administrative elements of the process.

**Deadlines To Note:** Here are a list of upcoming deadlines for the month of September and October;

- The Artist-in-Residence-Programme 2016: 15 September
- The SKA Honours Scholarships 2016: 18 September
- Postdoctoral Fellowships in the Humanities: 1 October
- Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies: 1 October
- NRF: The World Academy of Sciences Doctoral Call: 2 October 2015
- Fuchs Foundation Doctoral Scholarships: 2 October
- Radboud Summer School 2016 Guest Lecturers: 10 October
- Commonwealth Scholarship: 22 October
- Japan African Business Education Initiative for Youth: 30 October
- Erasmus Mundus - EUSA\_ID: 31 October

**Remember the PGIO Video Competition closes tomorrow, get your submissions in and R12, 000 could be yours!** If you still have any last minute questions, take a look at our facebook page [here](#), for details.

**The aim** of the Take Note Newsletter is to summarise and publish information regarding scholarships and international development opportunities for students and staff of Stellenbosch University. The newsletter contains information on scholarships for studying at South African and overseas institutions, exchange opportunities, summer schools, conferences and internships. It ranges from scholarships for international and local study, as well as travel, research grants and job opportunities! Remember to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for reminders and other announcements, so you stay up-to-date with all things local and international.

Visit the Postgraduate and International Office website and click [here](#) to see our latest ad hoc scholarships and bursaries.



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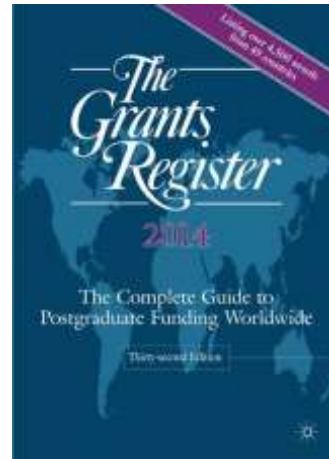


**The Postgraduate Times:**

This newsletter collates information on skills development events and opportunities specifically for postgraduates: workshops and resources to add to postgraduate student success. Skills such as public speaking, funding and grant-writing and skills-building seminars are some aspects contained in the PG Times.

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### **The Grants Register!**

The most authoritative and comprehensive guide available to postgraduate and professional funding worldwide is now available at the J.S. Gericke Library lower level. (R 378305 GRA)

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Australia Awards Scholarships**

Australia Awards are prestigious international scholarships funded by the Australian Government. They promote development in Africa through a large-scale program of training opportunities for African professionals. Australia Awards Scholarships are postgraduate scholarship that lead to an academic qualification from an Australian university. The objective of the Awards is to provide high-quality education and training to talented Africans who will be in a position, on their return home, to make an important contribution to national or regional development.

- **Target:** Masters and PhDs
- **Deadline:** 30 November 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more information

### **AAUW International Fellowship for Women**

The International [Fellowship](#) Program is seeking applications for AAUW International Fellowship

for women from around the world except for United States. It provides support for women pursuing full-time graduate or postdoctoral study in the United States who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Preference is given to women who show prior commitment to the advancement of women and girls through civic, community, or professional work. A limited number of awards are available to women who are members of Graduate Women International for study or research in any country other than their own.

- **Target:** Masters and PhDs
- **Deadline:** 15 April 2016
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more information

### **Call for Pre-Proposals for Postdoctoral Fellowships in the Humanities**

The Volkswagen Foundation is currently inviting pre proposals for its funding initiative “Knowledge for Tomorrow – Cooperative Research Projects in Sub-Saharan Africa”. The program aims at providing sustainable support for research and research capacity development in Sub-Saharan Africa, including North Africa (since 2012). The call is open to applications from the humanities, including disciplines such as history, cultural anthropology, archaeology, cultural studies, philosophy, literature, linguistics, musicology, art history, media studies, visual studies, and religious studies.

- **Target:** Masters and PhDs
- **Deadline:** 1 October 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more information

### **MasterCard Foundation Scholars Programme 2016**

The Michigan State University is currently inviting applications from the undergraduate and Masters' students of Sub-Saharan African countries for the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program 2016. This scholarship provides full tuition scholarships to those students who are economically disadvantaged, have demonstrated academic talent and commitment to give back to their countries. The MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program is a \$500 million global education initiative that enables young people – particularly from Africa – to lead change in their communities.

- **Target:** Masters candidates
- **Deadline:** 4 January 2016
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more information

## **The MSc in Sustainable Agriculture**

The University of Stellenbosch's Faculty of AgriSciences is inviting prospective candidates to apply for a two-year MSc in Sustainable Agriculture degree programme. Its purpose is to challenge students to view agriculture as a system where economic, environmental and social aspects are integrated to ensure sustainability of production. This is a two-year degree programme with both a taught and research component. Prospective candidates with a good (at least 65% average) BSc degree in any Agricultural Sciences field, may apply. A good BSc degree in related fields will also be considered.

- **Target:** BSc final year undergraduate
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more information

## **The Mica and Ahmet Ertegun Postgraduate Scholarships in the Humanities**

As Ertegun Scholars, the world's top graduate students in the Humanities are brought together with Oxford's exceptional community of scholars, in a unique setting that fosters dialogue across academic disciplines, across cultures, and across generations. For admission in 2016, at least ten scholarships will be available, for either one- and two-year full-time Master's degrees, or three-year full-time Doctoral study.

- **Target:** Masters and PhD in humanities
- **Deadline:** 22 January 2016
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more information

## **University of Bern Scholarship Programme 2016**

The University of Bern is offering six Master grants for the academic year 2016/17 to the students of its partner universities. Students are encouraged to apply to complete an entire Masters programme of their choice, except biomedical sciences as medicine. Eligible candidates have either completed their Bachelor degree in the past five years or will have obtained their degree by 31 July, 2016.

- **Target:** Masters students
- **Deadline:** 30 November 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more information

## 2016 Call: Commonwealth Scholarship for studies in UK

The call for Commonwealth Scholarships for 2016 is open. Stellenbosch University has been invited to nominate a maximum of TEN (10) students who are currently registered at SU and who are South African citizens. These may be in either of the following categories: One year taught masters courses or equivalent degrees (excluding MBA) and PhD studies.

- **Target:** PhD and Masters
- **Deadline:** 22 October 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more information

## Call for The Swiss Excellence Scholarship

Through the Swiss Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students (FCS), the Swiss Government grants foreign researchers postgraduate scholarships at Swiss higher education institutions (Universities, Federal Institutes of Technology and Universities of Applied Sciences, Fine Arts and Music Schools). The Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships are intended for highly motivated, competitive young researchers who have graduated from university (postgraduates). These scholarships will enable applicants to undertake research work in the fields in which the Swiss universities are particularly active.

- **Target:** PhD, postdocs and researchers
- **Deadline:** 30 December 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more information

## Other DAAD Scholarships

The DAAD supports over 100,000 German and international students and researchers around the globe each year – making it the world's largest funding organisation of its kind. It also promotes internationalisation efforts at German universities, helps developing countries build their own systems of higher education, and supports German Studies and German language programmes abroad. **Click the link below for a comprehensive list of available scholarships.**

- **Target:** Variety
- **Deadline:** Dates vary, but most in October and September
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more information

## **Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies: Call for Applications**

The Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies at Bayreuth University, Germany, brings together outstanding young African and non-African scholars to work jointly in the field of African Studies. It offers a centre of creative and innovative PhD training based on a multi- and cross-disciplinary research environment. BIGSAS invites applications from candidates whose dissertation project fits into one of the Graduate School's current Research Areas. For information concerning the Research Areas, please visit the website: <http://www.bigsas.uni-bayreuth.de>

- **Target:** PhD students
- **Deadline:** 1 October 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more information

## **Call for applications for the Japan African Business Education Initiative for Youth.**

The Department of Higher Education would like to announce the African Business Education (ABE) Initiative in conjunction with Japan. The programme aims at fostering excellent personnel who can contribute to Africa's industrial development in partnership with the Japanese private sector by strengthening economic ties between two countries. Eligible South African citizens aged between 22 and 39 years old who hold a Bachelor's degree with honours will be eligible to apply.

- **Target:** Masters students
- **Deadline:** 30 October 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for the application documents

## **NRF: The World Academy of Sciences Doctoral Call 2016**

The National Research Foundation (NRF) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST) in partnership with The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) are pleased to announce the call for fellowship applications for 2016 in the following two categories:

- NRF - TWAS Doctoral Fellowships for fellows from **developing countries outside Africa**
- NRF - TWAS African Renaissance Doctoral Fellowships for fellows **from Africa**

Applicants must apply using the NRF Online system at: <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za> and follow the application process set out in the attached call document and funding manual. Please ensure that you

note the **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA** as set out in the Appendix attached to the supporting documents.

- **Target:** PhD students
- **Deadline:** 2 October 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for the application forms and guidelines

### **Fuchs Foundation Doctoral Scholarships**

The Carl and Emily Fuchs Doctoral Scholarships are available to postgraduate students who have already, or intend to register for **doctoral studies** at a local **South African university/University of Technology** (and not for any studies abroad). The two scholarships are awarded bi-annually, in **any academic field of study/doctoral program** formally registered with a South African university/University of Technology. The Foundation annually invites applications from the various faculties at all local Higher Education institutions and the scholarships are then awarded for studies in the following/ensuing academic year.

- **Target:** PhD students
- **Deadline:** 2 October 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for the application forms and [here](#) for a list of conditions

### **Call for Applications for the Artist-in-Residence-Programme 2016**

The Austrian Federal Chancellery is offering 50 residencies in Austria (Vienna and Salzburg) for the year 2016. The residency is designed to offer an opportunity to familiarise oneself with the Austrian art scene and cultural environment and make contact with Austrian artists. Residents will be expected to complete a project during their stay. Successful applicants will be offered the opportunity to visit galleries, studios and museums, contacts to the literature and publishing sector, as well as access to Vienna's or Salzburg's music life.

- **Target:** Visual Arts, Media and Literature Students
- **Deadline:** 31 August and 15 September 2015
- **More info:** [here](#)

### **Call for SU Administered Postgraduate Bursaries for 2016**

The applications for SU administered Postgraduate Bursaries has now been opened. These bursaries include the Harry Crossley, HB&MJ Thom, NRF Honours, SU Postgraduate Merit Bursary, SU



Postgraduate Support Bursary and smaller private bursaries. Please see the link below for a more detailed list of the bursaries and their respective values and deadlines.

- **Target:** Postgraduate students
- **Deadline:** Dates vary
- **More info:** [here](#)

### **SKA Honours Scholarships 2016**

The South African Square Kilometre Array (SKA) Project Honours Bursary Programme call for applications for 2016 are now open. Permanent South African citizens who are permanent residents and who are studying BSc in Physics and Electronics, Astrophysics, Astronomy, and Computer Science and who have achieved a minimum of 60% at undergraduate level are invited to apply. Please follow the link below for more information.

- **Target:** Potential BSc postgraduate students
- **Deadline:** 18 September 2015
- **More info:** [Here](#) for more information

### **Call for Course Proposals Radboud Summer School 2016 Guest Lecturers**

This August the Radboud Summer School will experience a spectacular growth, with now more than 600 applicants and 22 confirmed courses. The Radboud Summer School 2016 will take place **from 31 July until 13 August 2016**. Radboud University invites you to join the Radboud Summer School 2016 as course leader with your own summer school course. As course leader you will not only train a highly motivated international group of participants, but you will also profile your research area within a dedicated academic community.

- **Target:** Academic Staff
- **Deadline:** The deadline for the application of course proposals is **10 October 2015**
- **More info:** Click [here](#) to find the RSS Information Guide for Course Applicants 2016 and [here](#) for more detailed information, including the financial conditions. Please use the attached application form [here](#) for your proposal.

### **Erasmus Mundus - EUSA\_ID**

EUSA\_ID is a mobility programme offering study, training and research periods in Europe for South

African Master and PhD candidates and staff and provides European PhD candidates the opportunity to spend a research period in South Africa. The third call for scholarship applications has now been opened. South African Master and PhD candidates and staff are invited to apply for a mobility period at one of the European EUSA\_ID partner universities. All the details and on-line application forms are available on the website.

- **Target:** PhD and Masters students
- **Deadlines:**
  - **1st deadline is 7 August 2015** for those, who want to commence their studies in September/October 2015.
  - **2nd deadline is 31 October 2015** for those who want to commence their studies in 2016 .
- **More info:** [www.eusa-id.eu](http://www.eusa-id.eu)

### **Paris French Tech Ticket: Develop Your Start-Up in Paris!**

As part of the French Tech initiative, France is launching the [Paris French Tech Ticket](#) to welcome foreign entrepreneurs who wish to launch or develop their start-up in Paris. Paris French Tech Ticket is a pilot session, leading the way to an larger program encompassing all the French Tech Metropolises from 2016 onwards. This program includes a stipend of 12500€ per founding member over six months, free work space in a partner incubator and help to relocate to Paris. Foreign entrepreneurs from all around the world are eligible, even if they are already based in France – finishing their studies, for example. Teams of up to three founders are eligible, and can include up to one French member.

- **Target:** Young entrepreneurs
- **Deadline:** 15 September 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more details.

### **Nestle Nutrition Institute Postgraduate Fellowship**

The Nestle Nutrition Institute offers [research](#) grants in the fields of [young women's health](#), mother and child health and nutrition. The Institute offer these [fellowship](#) grants to health professionals from anywhere in the world applying for postgraduate research training. The duration of the training can last up to 12 months. All institutions offering a training programme in the area of Maternal and/or Child Health and Nutrition are eligible to be a host institution. The NNI fellowship program will cover the applicant's travel and living expenses.

- **Target:** Postgraduate/Young Health Professionals

- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more details.

### **Call for PhD Scholarship applications from the Embassy of France**

The Embassy of France is inviting South African students who wish to continue their tertiary education in France to apply for its scholarship programme. The PhD research grants allow students pursuing a PhD to conduct research in France for periods of three to six months per year for up to three years. The applications require that students have a cotutelle agreement between their home university in South Africa and the French host university; the student must have a master's degree and be a registered PhD candidate at a South African university; and finally the student must have letters of support from their South African and French supervisors. The scholarships include full annual study fees, round-trip airfare, health and social insurance, monthly stipend and Schengen visa fees. Importantly, this is a permanent call for applications, and therefore there is thus no deadline for this grant.

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### **AAU Small Grants for Dissertations/Theses Programme**

The Association of African Universities (AAU) is pleased to announce the 2015 edition of its Small Grants for Dissertations/Theses Programme under the sponsorship of the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) and the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida). The programme is aimed at promoting staff development by facilitating timely completion of doctoral and master's research theses and dissertations, and improving the quality of research within the Association's member institutions.

- **Target:** University staff undertaking a PhD and MPhil students
- **Deadline:** Applications may be submitted all year round
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more details

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**Postdoctoral Associate: (2-year contract through the DST Professional Development Programme)**

The SAAO is the National Facility for Optical and Infrared Astronomy of the National Research Foundation (NRF), and invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced postdocs to work on optical astronomical instrumentation and/or carry out asteroid research with Dr. Amanda Gulbis (Head of Instrumentation at the SAAO). This hire is through the DST Professional Development Programme, which nominally has awarded funds for two years with the possibility of a third-year extension. The position will be filled as soon as possible but must have a start date no later than 15 October 2015.

- **Target:** Postdoctoral fellows
- **Deadline:** Open until filled
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more details

### **Postdoctoral Fellowship Job Opportunity: Tulane University**

The Tulane University School of Social Work is seeking a Postdoctoral Fellow with expertise on issues pertaining to children affected by HIV and AIDS to work on federally funded research activities through the Highly Vulnerable Children Research Center. The project focuses on the evaluation and enhancement of interventions for the care and support of HIV-affected and other orphans and vulnerable children and families in South Africa. The Post-doctoral Fellow will work closely with Dr. Tonya Thurman and other members of the multidisciplinary research team. The fellow will work at the New Orleans, LA US campus (the Cape Town office is an option for applicants with pre-existing South African residency).

- **Target:** Postdoctoral fellows
- **Deadline:** Open until filled
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more details

### **Postdoctoral research position: Wordspotters for radiomining in rural Africa**

A postdoc position focussing on automatic identification of spoken keywords in multilingual environments with few or no resources is available in the Digital Signal Processing Group of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the University of Stellenbosch. The project will develop wordspotters that can be used to monitor community radio broadcasts in rural African regions as a source of early warning information during natural disasters, disease outbreaks, or other crises (More info regarding the project [here](#)). Applicants should hold a PhD (preferably obtained within the last 5 years) in the field of Electronic/Electrical Engineering, Information Engineering, or Computer Science, or other relevant disciplines. Suitable candidates must have practical experience with automatic speech processing systems and should have an excellent background in statistical modelling, signal processing, and/or speech analysis.

- **Target:** Postdoctoral fellows
- **Deadline:** Not specified
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more details

### Ruforum Graduate Teaching Assistantship Slots Still Available

RUFORUM Secretariat reminds its member universities that there are still available slots for Graduate Teaching Assistantship Programme (GTA) – an Academic Mobility Program – for their academic staff. To date the secretariat has facilitated placements of staff members to various universities within the region. The RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) was initiated by 42 African Vice-Chancellors whose universities are members of RUFORUM. It aims to build the capacity of their staff members in order to **accelerate the production of PhDs in the agricultural sector in Africa**. Within the GTA mechanism, the sending university provides upkeep and research fees for their staff member (PhD student) while the receiving/host university assigns teaching responsibilities to the student and waives tuition fees. Applications for GTAs are open throughout the year.

- **Target:** Academic Staff.
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more details.

**For more Information on scholarship and development opportunities such as those listed above and below please [visit the PGIO website](#).**

[Scholarship-Positions.com](#)

[UK Commonwealth Scholarships 2015](#)

[The UK Chevening Scholarship 2014/15](#)

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