

TAKE NOTE



Local and international scholarships and developmental opportunities

New Scholarship and Developmental Opportunities

If you're from the Cape you know that there are only two seasons; summer and waiting-for-summer. We are now in the latter. The leaves are falling, the days are shorter, and the mornings are colder. Throw all that together with the fact that most undergraduates are burrowed away for mid-year's and you've got a grim picture indeed. But take heart! Everyday is a step closer to the holidays (if you're a student) and most importantly, another reason to be comforted knowing that Take Note has got all your scholarship and development opportunities covered! 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.

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What's New: This week the RUFORUM Secretariat reminds its member universities that there are still available slots for the Graduate Teaching Assistantship Programme (GTA) – an Academic Mobility Program – for their academic staff. Also, the Nestle Nutrition Institute is offering research grants in the fields of young women's health, mother and child health and nutrition to young health professionals. And finally, the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is inviting bursary applications from students wishing to register at a South African university for an honours or equivalent degree in a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) field for the 2016 academic year.

This Week's Feature: The Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund

was founded in 1981 in memory of Margaret Craig McNamara, who dedicated her life to improving the lives of underserved women and children at home and overseas. Following Mrs McNamara's tragic death in 1981, two women who worked closely with Mrs McNamara at WBFN, Babs Knox and Ruby Wingate, spearheaded efforts to create the Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund. In gratitude for her support to the WBFN, (at the time was called WIVES) and to pay tribute to her life-long dedication to improving the wellbeing of women and children worldwide, the Fund would provide financial resources to women from a developing countries, enrolled at US universities, who were committed to returning to their countries to work to improve the wellbeing of women and children. Scroll down below to find out more information about the funding opportunities.

Deadlines To Note: Here are a list of upcoming deadlines for May;

AAU Small Grant for Graduate Internships: **25 May 2015**

French National Research Agency: Projects for Science: **29 May 2015**

EIT ICT Labs Master School: **30 May 2015**

International Fellowship and Internship in Rome, Italy: **29 May 2015**

Visit the Postgraduate and International Office website and click [here](#) to see our latest ad hoc scholarships and bursaries. You can also like us on our [Facebook page](#) and follow us on our [twitter handle @pgioSU](#) to receive regular updates, as well as information on all the latest happenings and events. For any queries you can e-mail us at pgioweb@sun.ac.za or come and visit us in the Wilcocks building on the corner of Ryneveld and Victoria Street.



SCHOLARSHIPS AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ARPPIS-DAAD doctoral scholarships available for study at *icipe*, Kenya

icipe and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) are inviting applications for the African Postgraduate Programme in Insect Sciences (ARPPIS) - 2015, which offers doctoral research scholarships to students from sub-Saharan Africa. Twelve PhD scholarships will be given to successful applicants to research on selected projects in *icipe*. The programme will begin in September 2015.

- **Target:** PhD Candidates (Insect sciences)
- **Deadline:** 6th of June, 2015
- **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.

Nestle Nutrition Institute Postgraduate Fellowships

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 applications for the CSIR Bursary Programme 2016

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is one of the leading multidisciplinary research and development organisations in Africa. Currently, the CSIR has selected to focus its research and development efforts on the following impact areas: the built environment, defence and security, energy, health, industry and the natural environment. The CSIR hereby invites bursary applications from students wishing to register at a South African university for an Honours or equivalent degree in a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) field for the 2016 academic year.

- **Target:** Students wishing to register for an honours programme in STEM fields.
- **Deadline:** 15 June 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more details.

2016 Mandela Rhodes Foundation (MRF) Scholarships: Call for Nominations

Young African, Aspire to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar if you dream of being a leader; a leader in whose blend of character and intellect Africa will take pride. Aspire to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar if you understand education to be a gift and a tool for the advancement of human development, to the benefit of all. Aspire to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar if you believe in an entrepreneurial spirit to allow Africa to take with dignity its rightful place as an equal and competitive presence in the global world. Aspire to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar if you believe in reconciliation, freedom, peace and prosperity among all human beings, who should share equal citizenship and opportunities in this world.

- **Target:** African citizens wanting to complete Honours and Master's studies
- **Deadline:** 15 June 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more details.

Extended Call: EU-SATURN PhD and staff applications

Stellenbosch University PhD candidates and staff are invited to apply for the EU-SATURN mobility programme. Applications have been extended for the following:

Target Group 1: PhD - Six (6) and 10 months

Target Group 2: PhD - 10 months

Staff exchange: one(1) month

For more information, contact Huba Boshoff at huba@sun.ac.za

- **Target:** Stellenbosch University PhD candidates and staff
- **Deadline:** 7 June 2015

The Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund: Grants for women from developing countries

Since 1981 the Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund (MMMMF), not-for-profit, public charity, has awarded education grants on a competitive basis to exceptional women from developing countries who have financial need and are committed to working to empower women and children. Some of the eligibility criteria include a commitment to working to empower women and children in developing countries, a financial need, display an intention to return to a developing country within two years of completing degree or intend to remain in developing country at least two years to work towards empowerment of women and children. Please make sure to follow the link below for a full list of criteria.

- **Target:** Women students
- **Deadline:** 30 August 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more details.

The 2015 World Conference on Humanitarian Studies Call for papers

The International Humanitarian Studies Association is a network engaged with the study of humanitarian crises caused by natural disaster, conflict or political instability. IHSA forms a platform for the different disciplines that address humanitarian studies. IHSA equally welcomes academic scholars, consultants, policy researchers, and reflective practitioners among its membership. The World Conference on Humanitarian Studies will be held in Addis Ababa from the 17-20 October, 2015 on the theme "Changing Crises and the Quest for Adequate Solutions".

- **Target:** Academic Staff
- **Deadline:** Panels deadline: **15 June 2015**. Papers deadline: **15 September 2015**
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more details.

Africa Thesis Award 2015

Are you interested in Sub-Saharan Africa and is your Master's thesis on a related subject? If so, the African Studies Centre in Leiden, the Netherlands, is offering you the chance to win € 500. What's more, the winning thesis will be published in the ASC's African Studies Collection. The award is presented annually to a student whose Master's thesis has been completed on the basis of research conducted on Africa. The full text of all submitted theses will be made available online via the ASC's library catalogue. Any final-year student who has completed his/her Master's thesis with distinction (80% or higher or a Dutch rating of at least an 8) at a university in Africa or the Netherlands may apply. The thesis must have been examined in the twelve months prior to the deadline of 12 July 2015.

- **Target:** Students who have completed a relevant Master's thesis
- **Deadline:** 12 July 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more details.

Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship for 2016

The MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology) offers scholarships to foreign students who wish to study at Japanese universities under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program for 2016. For South African and Namibian students, study categories include; research, undergraduate and special training college students. For citizens of Lesotho and Swaziland only students conducting research may apply.

- **Target:** Students from South Africa, Namibia, Swaziland and Lesotho
- **Deadline:** 10 June 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for details

Call for SHARE Scholarship Applications for Staff and PhD candidates

Doctoral candidates, academic and administrative staff are invited to apply for the Sharing Capacity to Build Capacity for Quality Graduate Training in Agriculture in African Universities (SHARE) mobility scholarships. (SHARE) is one of the Intra-ACP Mobility Scheme supported projects with 12 partner universities in eastern, central, southern and western Africa. The scholarship covers subsistence allowance, medical insurance, return air-ticket and visa expenses.

- **Target:** Academic, administrative staff and doctoral candidates
- **Deadline:** 31 July 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for details on the *staff scholarships* and [here](#) for details on the *PhD short mobility scholarship*.

Green Talents Competition

The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) has held the prestigious "Green Talents – International Forum for High Potentials in Sustainable Development" since 2009 to promote the international exchange of innovative green ideas. In the 2015 Green Talents competition and in view of 2015 being the "City of the Future" Science Year the BMBF would particularly like to welcome submissions relating to this topic. However, the competition is still open to all fields and offers equal chances to win. The deadline is **2 June, 2015**.

Follow the link to the competition flyer [here](#).

For more information regarding the competition click [here](#).

To watch the video clip click [here](#).

AAU Small Grant for Graduate Internships

The Association of African Universities (AAU) has intensified its advocacy for students from African universities to acquire employable skills for the world of work upon graduation from their universities. Through financial assistance from the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida), the AAU has secured some funds to offer small grants of up to US\$1,000 per person for graduate internships for its member universities.

- **Target:** Students pursuing post-graduate degree programmes. Applicants should note that the grants are for training purposes only and not meant for the completion of theses or dissertations.
- **Deadline:** 25 May 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for 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.

For more information contact:

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Newton Fund RCUK-NRF International PhD Partnering Scheme Call

Research Councils UK (RCUK) and the National Research Foundation of South Africa ([NRF](#)) are pleased to invite applications to the Newton Fund RCUK-NRF International PhD Partnering Scheme. Awards will be made to support activities over a three-year period, with a minimum of 10 PhD placements being supported by each award holder. The duration of each placement is expected to be 3-6 months; with flexibility to split the placement into several shorter visits. Full proposals should be submitted by **16h00 (UK time) 9 July 2015**.

Application process

RCUK Newton PhD partnering activities proposals must be submitted by the UK RO partner using the Research Councils' Joint Electronic Submission system (Je-S). Applicants will need to complete a joint Case for Support document, and separate Funding Justification pro-forma for each partner. The call will be open in Je-S from 8 June 2015 and Je-S guidance and forms will be published nearer this time. Applicants should leave enough time for their proposal to pass through their organisation's Je-S submission route before 16:00 on 9 July 2015. Any applications received after this deadline will not be considered for funding.

Key dates

Call announced:	27 March 2015
Call opens on Je-S:	8 June 2015
Closing date for all applications:	9 July 2015
Assessment panel meetings:	Week commencing 17 August 2015
Funding decisions announcements:	Week ending 18 September 2015
Partnering activities start date:	From 1 October 2015

Please see the following links below for the announcement:

[RCUK-NRF International PhD Partnering Scheme](#)

[The Collaborative Agreement](#)

[The Newton Fund](#)

French National Research Agency: Projects for science

The French National Research Agency is a funding instrument open to high-level researchers from any country in all scientific fields. It aims to enable ambitious research projects to be undertaken at French institutions. This funding is also designed to help French laboratories fulfil their role in hosting researchers to conduct research.

- **Target:** High-level researchers in all science fields
- **Deadline:** 29 May 2015

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

Scholarships and Recruitment at the University Pierre and Marie Curie (UPMC)

The University Pierre and Marie Curie is pleased to share the following opportunities for students, doctoral students, postdocs or staff. These opportunities are provided in three areas. Firstly, through the Laboratory of Excellence (Labex) Plas@Par (Physics of Plasmas), secondly, through the EIT ICT Labs Master School, and finally the Lagrange Institute.

The Laboratory of Excellence (Labex) Plas@Par (Physics of Plasmas)

The Laboratory of Excellence (Labex) Plas@Par federates are leading plasma scientists in the Paris area, working in different scientific sectors. They drive new synergies, reduce redundancy, stimulate the emergence of new ideas and projects inaccessible to individual partners and provide a unique pole to attract young scientists. Plas@Par is one of the 15 major projects of sciences, engineering, social sciences and humanities research driven by Sorbonne Universities, awarded since 2011 in the frame of the Investment for the future program of France (PIA). They are offering the following;

1. Recruitment of **PhD students** and **post doctoral** applicants for Plas@Par. Click [here](#) for more information.
2. Scholarships for the **master's** programme in "physics of plasmas." Click [here](#) for more information.
3. Summer School taking place in Roscoff, Brittany: opened to **master's** and **undergraduate** students. Click [here](#) for more information.

EIT ICT Labs Master School

Pierre et Marie Curie University (UPMC) offers a European two-year master's programme in ICT Innovation with a technical major "Internet Technology and Architecture" and a minor in "Innovation & Entrepreneurship". This programme is offered in the framework of the EIT ICT Labs Master School together with 20 top European universities, renown researchers and leading businesses. The first year consists of one semester of core courses on ITA and one on Innovation & Entrepreneurial education. For the second year, students can select a specialisation at a partner university and complete a thesis project at one of the industrial partners. This programme leads to two master's degrees, an international competence and hands-on experience for students. All courses are taught in English. Candidates can apply for scholarships offered by the programme.

Deadline for application: 30 May 2015.

More Information: Get details [here](#) . Also click [here](#)

Scholarships in Astrophysics for the second year of Master at UPMC

The Lagrange Institute offers scholarships to international students studying physics, astrophysics, astro particle physics, cosmology and nuclear physics at the Master's 2 (M2) level. The main objective of the

school career is to offer the opportunity to the top-class international students with an excellent background in physics, the possibility to study in Paris the large breadth of topics such as astrophysics, cosmology, particle and nuclear physics, astro-particle physics. This programme is a way to train future researchers at the early stage of their scientific careers. Monthly scholarship of 1100 € is offered from 1 September 2015 to 30 June 2016.

More Information: Click [here](#)

Institute for Peace and Dialogue: Scholarship for summer academy

The Institute for Peace and Dialogue will be hosting their International Summer Academy in Peace building, Mediation, Conflict Resolution & Intercultural Dialogue. It will be held in Baar, one of the most beautiful places in Switzerland. There are two running times for the summer academy, each lasting 11 days. Scholarships can be made available to waive the participation fee if the applicant makes a request and pays the discounted fee before 24 April. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Additionally, the Institute for Peace and Dialogue, will also be hosting a three-month Certificated Academic School in Mediation & Conflict Resolution (CAS in MCR) between 17 August - 17 November 2015. Similar scholarships for this programme are also being made available on request. Please follow the link [here](#) for more information.

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

International Fellowship & Internship in Rome, Italy

South Africa is a member of the International Centre for the Study of Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property, (ICCROM) which is based in Rome, Italy. This intergovernmental organisation is dedicated to the conservation of cultural heritage and is calling all interested lecturers or practitioners

who have at least a master's degree or relevant working experience in heritage conservation to apply for internship and fellowship opportunities for the year 2016, in the following disciplines: archaeology, architecture, art history, conservation science, conservation/restoration, engineering, library and archives preservation, museology and urban planning.

- **Deadline for fellowship application:** 29 May 2015
- **More info:** Information [here](#)

Two postdoctoral positions, Department of Physics

The Physics department at Stellenbosch University is research orientated, with undergraduate and honours courses geared at producing quality post-graduate students. An active and vibrant researcher cohort ensures that the SU Physics department has established itself as one of the best research focused Physics departments in the country. Research at the department can be broadly divided into three groups: Nuclear Physics, Theoretical Physics (Institute for Theoretical Physics) and Laser Physics (Laser Research Institute). The large number of quality publications forthcoming from the department plays testimony to the quality of research being performed.

- **Target:** The Department of Physics is advertising two post doctoral positions
 - Post doctoral position in Trapped Ion Physics
 - Post doctoral position in Laser Microscopy
- **More info:** Click the links above for more information
- **Deadline:** 31 May, 2015

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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