

TAKE NOTE



Local and international scholarships and developmental opportunities

WELCOME TO TAKE NOTE

Welcome to your Take Note Newsletter! With the term flying by, some might say as we approach the end of August, 'we're on the home stretch.' While this may be true, we still have a lot of scholarship and development opportunities that require YOU to apply.

This week's edition sees a flurry of new calls for you to take note of. First, we introduce the Swiss Excellence Scholarships offered by the Swiss government for postgraduate students. We also highlight the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) once again, offering a host of research grants, stays and research scholarships. Staying in Germany, the Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies opens their call for applications for PhD students too! Moving to the Far East, the Japan African Business Education (ABE) Initiative for Youth invites applications, and for those wanting to attend the 8th Hope Meeting in Japan, 2016 the NRF has opened nominations. Finally, back home the NRF and the Department of Science and Technology (DTS) announce their call for the TWAS scholarships for doctoral students.

Remember to heed the deadlines for upcoming scholarships and opportunities highlighted below in the "Deadlines to Note" section, as well as to ensure that you start all your applications EARLY so that you have enough time to navigate all the administrative elements of the process.

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The Postgraduate Times:

R12, 000 could be yours! The PGIO Video

Competition Closes on 31 August. Students, both undergraduates and postgraduates, can enter by submitting a creatively produced short video of 3-4 minutes describing postgraduate studies in any way at SU. Group submissions are also permitted. There are three bursary prizes available: First prize will receive a **R12000** bursary. Second prize will receive **R5000** and third **R3000**. These amounts will be paid into your student account. Take a look at our video [here](#) to get your creative juices flowing.



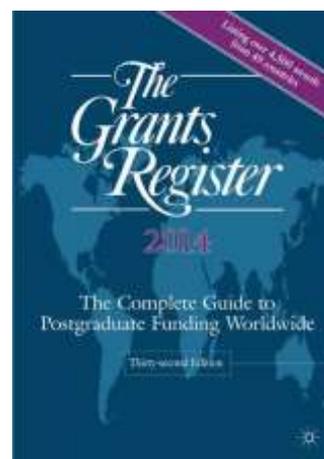
The poster features a yellow border and a filmstrip theme. At the top left is a red camera icon. The main title reads 'POSTGRADUATE STUDY IS IT FOR YOU?' in red and black. Below this is a filmstrip with four frames showing diverse students. The text on the poster includes: 'Create a 3-4 min video that demonstrates something that you have found out about postgraduate studies at Stellenbosch University! Creativity is key! You can engage with the PGIO, your faculties or postgraduate students, anything! Submit your video to the PGIO by August 31st and you could stand a chance to win up to R12 000 in bursary money! For enquiries contact: pgioweb@sun.ac.za'. At the bottom, there are logos for the Postgraduate Office, PGIO Stellenbosch University, and the university's website.

Deadlines To Note: Here are a list of upcoming deadlines for the month of July and August;

- The Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund: 30 August
- Call for Applications for the Artist-in-Residence-Programme 2016: 31 August
- World Bank Group (WBG) Recruitment Drive for African Nationals: 31 August
- Call for nominations for young scholars to attend the 8th Hope Meeting, Japan 2015

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!

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- 2016 Mexican Government Scholarships: 31 August

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. 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

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

DAAD - NRF IN-COUNTRY Masters and Doctoral Scholarship Programme - Call for Applications for 2016

As part of the “In-Country Scholarship Programme”, in which more than two dozen African universities and university networks participate and which annually supports some 1000 African postgraduates, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in partnership with the National Research Foundation (NRF) is able to offer scholarships for postgraduate studies at South African universities. The scholarships are designed for students enrolled in full-time two-year Master’s courses or three-year doctoral degree studies. Please Note: The initial award is for one year only. For extensions of the award an annual progress report will have to be completed by the applicant, with input from the supervisor of the proposed research, and submitted to the NRF via the university financial aid/ post graduate/ research office. Scholarship values are as follows: Master’s degree: ZAR 70 000.00 p.a. and PhD degree : ZAR 100 000.00 p.a.

- **Target:** Masters and PhD candidates
- **Deadline:** 9 September 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 nominations for young scholars to attend the 8th Hope Meeting, Japan 2016

The JSPS and the NRF invite South African Higher Education and Research Institutions to nominate a maximum of two excellent PhD students or young researchers per institution to represent South Africa at the next HOPE Meeting to be held on 7 – 11 March 2016. Young researchers would be postdoctoral researchers that obtained their doctoral degree within the past five years.

- **Target:** PhD students
- **Deadline:** 31 August 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for the application forms

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
- **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.

2016 Mexican Government Scholarships

The Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation on behalf of the Mexican Government is offering scholarship opportunities to study in Mexico at all level of studies. Scholarships are available across ALL fields of study except the following; business administration, accounting, plastic surgery, marketing, dentistry and advertising and any related field The AMEXCID (The Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation) scholarship program is open to South African citizens interested in studying in Mexico. All courses are taught in Spanish unless otherwise stated by the institution.

- **Target:** All students
- **Deadline:** 31 August 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more information

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

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 Metropoles 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:** 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.

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.

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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E-mail: pretoria@campusfrance.org

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

World Bank Group (WBG) Recruitment Drive for African Nationals

The World Bank group are accepting applications for Specialists in the following areas: Agriculture; Education; Energy and Extractives; Environment and Natural Resources; Finance and Markets; Governance; Health, Nutrition, and Population; Macroeconomics and Fiscal Management; Poverty; Social Protection and Labour; Trade and Competitiveness; Transport and Information Technology; Urban, Rural, and Social Development; and Water. There are also opportunities for Investment Officers, and Information and Technology Solutions (ITS) experts.

- **Target:** Job seekers in the respective fields
- **Deadline:** 31 August
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more details

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](#)

[Laurie Dippenaar Scholarships](#)

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