

TAKE NOTE



Local and international scholarships and developmental opportunities

New Scholarship and Developmental Opportunities

Welcome to this week's edition of the Take Note Newsletter! For our readers who are enjoying a well deserved holiday, this is the perfect opportunity to ensure that you are on schedule with meeting your deadlines. Or, if you have simply been too busy during the last term, now you have all the time to either catch up or browse some of the scholarships and development opportunities below. Whether you're kicking back or envying those who are, remember that sometimes it can take a while to get all your application documents in order, so be sure to give yourself enough time. We will do our best to keep you up to date, but in the meantime you can also follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for reminders and other announcements.

What's New: This week the Young Professionals Development Programme, from the South African SKA Project, invites eligible soon-to-be scientists and engineers to apply to be a part of exciting research teams in respective fields. Also, the Research Councils of the United Kingdom (RCUK) and the National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa are calling applicants at PhD level, interested in completing their research in the U.K. Finally, the Embassy of France has announced a call for PhD applicants, offering scholarships to complete research at French universities.

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

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- The Human Economy Research Programme (10 April 2015)
- MHE2RO QuantCorps Fellowship Programme (11 April 2015)
- Fulbright South Africa Postgraduate Studies Programme (20 April 2015)
- Research and Innovation Staff Exchange - RISE (28 April 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

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.

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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](#)

The South African SKA Project: Young Professionals Development Programme

The South African SKA Project would like to recruit bright, young and enthusiastic graduates and postgraduates through its Young Professionals Development Programme into its science and engineering teams. Only South African citizens are eligible. Please consult the links below so as not to miss out on this incredible career development opportunity.

- **Target:** South African citizens
- **Deadline:** 1 May 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for details regarding eligibility and the application process.

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

Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) of Marie Skłodowska CurieActions (Horizon 2020)

The RISE scheme promotes international and inter-sector collaboration through research and innovation staff exchanges, and sharing of knowledge and ideas from research to market (and vice-versa) for the advancement of science and the development of innovation. RISE involves organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors (in particular SMEs), based in Europe (EU Member States and Associated Countries) and outside Europe (third countries). Support is provided for the development of partnerships in the form of joint research and innovation activities between the participants.

- **Target:** Academic staff
- **Deadline:** 28 April 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for details and [here](#) for the guide for the 2015 RISE call.

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](#)

The Human Economy Research Programme

The University of Pretoria's Human Economy Research programme is providing funding for six postdoctoral fellows to undertake research on topics relevant to the following themes:

- Money in the Making of World Society
- Building a Human Economy in southern and central Africa

The programme is also being made available for six doctoral candidates in the same areas of research. The tenure of the scholarships differ between the postdoctoral and doctoral scholarships as well as the annual stipend. Please refer to the links below to obtain comprehensive details and contact information.

- **Target:** Doctoral and postdoctoral students
- **Deadline:** 10 April 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for details

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.

Fulbright South Africa Postgraduate Studies Programme

This programme gives South Africans the opportunity to pursue master's or PhD degrees at US academic institutions. South African PhD students can also use this opportunity for a one year non-degree program to conduct research and/or take courses at a US academic institution. The programme is

open to South African residents and permanent residents who have a *Bachelor degree and/or Honours* for the master's program or a master's degree for the doctoral program. The study grants are competitive and awarded for a period of two years.

- **Target:** South African and permanent residents
- **Deadline:** 20 April 2015
- **More info:** Contact Aloysious Gowne at GowneAD@state.gov or visit their website [here](#).

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.

- **Target:** Lecturers, Practitioners
- **Deadline for internship programme:** 31 March 2015
- **More info:** Find information [here](#)

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

MHE2RO QuantCorps Fellowship Programme for Studies in South Africa

If you would like to study in South Africa and pursue a full-time graduate and doctoral programme in epidemiology, health economics, data analysis and health policy analysis, apply for the HE2RO QuantCorps Fellowship Programme offered by the HE2RO QuantCorps. This is a graduate and doctoral merit based scholarship programme.

- **Target:** South African and international students
- **Deadline:** 11 April 2015
- **More info:** More information [here](#)

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](#)

[A Star Scholarships in Singapore](#)

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