

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! We are now in the home-stretch of the first semester, with undergraduate examinations right around the corner and deadlines for postgraduate students beginning to loom ever closer. But take note, because there are many scholarships, development and funding opportunities on offer for both students and academic staff. 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.

What's New: Many new exciting opportunities have made it into this week's edition. First, we bring you a look at the Grand Challenges in partnership with the Gates Foundation. These unique grants encourage initiatives that are designed to foster innovation in solving key global health and development problems. Next, the Africa Thesis Award allows for opportunities to submit master's theses in certain fields for monetary reward as well as for publication. For academic staff the International Humanitarian Studies Association is hosting their 2015 World Conference in Addis Ababa and is calling for papers. The Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund has also opened applications for grants for women in developing countries, a great opportunity for young aspiring women who are committed to working to empower other women and children in developing countries. Finally the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships have announced their call for nominations.

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This Week's Feature: This week we highlight the DAAD or the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (German Academic Exchange Service). It was founded in 1925 and has since become one of the most important funding organisations in the world for the international exchange of students and researchers. The DAAD promotes internationalisation at German institutions of higher education. The aim is to provide young people in Germany and abroad the opportunity to gain international academic and research experience. Representatives from the DAAD will be visiting Stellenbosch University to present their programmes for academic exchange as well as information regarding cooperation and funding opportunities for postgraduate students and academics. **The session will take place in the Wilcocks Building, Room 1012, on Thursday, 7 May from 15h00-16h30**

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

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**. Papers deadline: **15 September**
- **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.

The Gates Foundation & Grand Challenge Partners Call for grant programmes

The Gates Foundation and its Grand Challenges partners are now accepting applications for the grant programs listed below.

1. **Grand Challenges Explorations**, an initiative to encourage innovative and unconventional global health and development solutions, is now accepting grant proposals for its latest application round. **Applicants can be at any experience level; in any discipline;** and from any organization, including colleges and universities, government laboratories, research institutions, non-profit organizations and for profit companies. Proposals are being accepted online until **May 13, 2015**. Initial grants will be **US \$100,000 each**, and projects showing promise will have the opportunity to receive additional funding of up to US \$1 million.

2. **Saving Lives at Birth: A Grand Challenge for Development** has launched its fifth round for innovative prevention and treatment approaches for pregnant women and newborns in poor, hard-to-reach communities around the world. Saving Lives at Birth partners will fund transformative approaches that cut across three main domains: (i) science & technology, (ii) service delivery, and (iii) demand-side innovation. The application deadline is **March 27, 2015**.

3. **All Children Reading: A Grand Challenge for Development:**

As part of the Technology to Support Education in Crisis and Conflict Settings Ideation Challenge, it is seeking technology-supported approaches to provide basic education in one or more of the following situations: health crisis, natural disaster, and conflict zone. Proposed solutions should be usable within the first six months after the onset of the crisis or conflict and be usable within the context of a developing country. The application deadline is **March 30, 2015**.

- **Target:** Any and all
- **Deadline:** See above
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for details on all the above Grand Challenges

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.

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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, renowned 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, astroparticle 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, astroparticle 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](#)

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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