

# TAKE NOTE



Local and international scholarships and developmental opportunities

## New Scholarship and Developmental Opportunities

In case you had forgotten, 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.

**What's New:** From scholarships to grants to job opportunities, this week's edition has it all! A postdoctoral fellowship federally funded in the area of HIV and AIDS research is being offered by the University of Tulane. The fellow will be working closely with a multidisciplinary research team. The Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering is looking for a postdoctoral student to participate in a project to develop wordspotters that can be used to monitor community radio broadcasts in rural African regions as a source for an early warning system to natural disasters and disease outbreaks. Next, in partnership with the DHET and the Embassy of Chile, the Chilean Nelson Mandela Scholarship has been announced for students wishing to pursue a master's degree in Chile. Language courses will all be included in the scholarship. In addition, the Embassy of Poland has also announced a scholarship

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The Postgraduate Times:

opportunity for students to complete studies in Poland. If you're Namibian, the NSFAP postgraduate funding programme is also open for applications. You can find these and many more opportunities listed below.

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

- ARPPIS-DAAD Doctoral Scholarships: June 6th
- EU-SATURN: June 7th
- MEXT Scholarship: June 10th
- INISA Student Grant: June 14th
- CSIR Bursary Programme: June 15th
- MRF Scholarships: June 15th
- NSFAP Funding Programme: June 26th
- Chilean Nelson Mandela Scholarship: June 30th

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](mailto:pgioweb@sun.ac.za) or come and visit us in the Wilcocks building on the corner of Ryneveld and Victoria Street.

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

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## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

## 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:** September 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more details.

## NRF PhD and Masters Opportunity

TB is the leading cause of death in South Africa. The disease disproportionately affects communities with high rates of poverty and social inequality. Recently, members of the Institute of Infectious Diseases and Molecular Medicine (IDM) embarked on a community engagement initiative in collaboration with South African contemporary artists. During this time, partnerships were developed with Ikamva Youth, an NGO providing extra-curricular tutoring to learners in Khayelitsha. We are looking for highly motivated and committed students who are interested in pursuing postgraduate research. The key aim is to investigate the impact of this community engagement initiative using a range of research approaches. To this end, the *Molecular Mycobacteriology Research Unit* and the *Clinical Infectious Diseases Research Initiative* at the IDM, in collaboration with UCT Social Anthropology, are offering one PhD bursary and one Masters bursary for the 2015/2016 academic year.

- **Target:** Postgraduate students
- **Deadline:** 15 June 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more details.

## INISA Student Grant 2015

The "Initiative Southern Africa" (INISA) – a German NGO – offers a grant for undergraduate students from Universities and other tertiary education institutions in countries of the SADC region. The INISA grant covers 75% of tuition fees and related costs (e.g. books and other study material; residence fees

etc.) for the academic year of 2015 up to a maximum amount of Euro 3000.00 (or the equivalent in local currency).

- **Target:** Undergraduate students
- **Deadline:** 14 June 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more details.

### **Namibia Students Financial Assistance Fund (NSFAF)**

The NSFAF has announced the postgraduate funding programme for 2015. The programme offering funding for students Namibian students wishing to complete an honours, master's and doctoral degrees. Eligible candidates must be citizens of Namibia and studying full-time or part-time at accredited and recognized institution of higher learning.

- **Target:** Namibian students
- **Deadline:** 26 June 2015
- **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

### **Foreign students to study in Poland in the academic year 2015/2016**

The Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Pretoria would like to inform about the opportunities for foreigners to study in Poland in the academic year 2015/2016. All studies are in Polish and are preceded

by a mandatory annual Polish language course. Both the course and studies are free of charge. Attached please find a [questionnaire for a foreign student](#) to study in Poland. Applications should be delivered to the Consular Section of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Pretoria, 14 Amos Street, Colbyn 0083, Pretoria, stating "Consul Irena Juszczak - STUDIES." Click [here](#) for to find a list of documents to be submitted to the embassy of the Republic of Poland.

- **Target:** All students
- **Deadline:** 10 July 2015
- **More info:** Click [here](#) for more details

### **CHILEAN NELSON MANDELA SCHOLARSHIP**

Chilean scholarships are being made available by the Chilean International Cooperation Agency (AGCI) for all lecturers and students who have an undergraduate degree to apply for a Master's scholarship taught in Spanish in the following disciplines; Agriculture, Energy, Public Policy Management, Environment and Mining. Up to six months of Spanish language training will be provided prior to the formal commencement of studies. Application forms and additional information can be found on the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) website at the link below. Please note, however, that the DHET does not personally handle the application process for these scholarships and all forms and documents must be submitted to the Embassy of Chile in Pretoria. For more queries please contact Ms Magdalena Godoy; email: [consul@chile.org.za](mailto:consul@chile.org.za), tel: 0124608090.

- **Target:** Students wishing to pursue Master's degree
- **Deadline:** 30 June 2015
- **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

### **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:** 6 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](mailto: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 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*.

## **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:**

Ms. Chrisna Bekker - University cooperation office - Embassy of France

Tel no: +27 (0) 12 425 1721

E-mail: [pretoria@campusfrance.org](mailto:pretoria@campusfrance.org)

## **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](#)

## 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

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