

# 2021 BURSARY PROGRAMME

## PROGRAMME

We offer funding through the NRF for research and post-graduate studies that focus on understanding the effects of invasive plants, animals and pathogens on the natural, social or economic environment, and the management of these effects. [www.sun.ac.za/cib](http://www.sun.ac.za/cib)

Bursaries are available for studies at any South African university

The bursary programme, administered through the NRF, provides bursaries to academically strong students at Honours/4th year, Masters and PhD levels. A limited number of bursaries will be awarded to applicants who are not South African citizens or permanent residents, as stated in the NRF call.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

Below are the deadlines as applied at Stellenbosch University.

It is vital that you find out whether the institution you want to study at has different deadlines for NRF student support applications.

**FIRST-TIME MASTERS SCHOLARSHIPS:**  
18 JUNE 2020

**FIRST-TIME DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS:**  
03 JULY 2020

**HONOURS SCHOLARSHIPS:**  
31 AUGUST 2020

## BURSARY DETAILS AND QUESTIONS

The C-I-B provides project running cost funding directly to the post-graduate project supervisors, from its Centre of Excellence grant.

View bursary details, values, and qualifying criteria for partial or full cost of study in the NRF call documents:

[www.nrf.ac.za/content/call-nrf-postgraduate-scholarships-2021](http://www.nrf.ac.za/content/call-nrf-postgraduate-scholarships-2021)

For Frequently Asked Questions see:

[www.nrf.ac.za/sites/default/files/NRF%20Postgraduate%20Scholarships%202021%20Frequently%20Asked%20Questions.pdf](http://www.nrf.ac.za/sites/default/files/NRF%20Postgraduate%20Scholarships%202021%20Frequently%20Asked%20Questions.pdf)

## C•I•B STRUCTURE

The C•I•B is a national research centre with its home office based at Stellenbosch University and with partner institutions across the country. We have a core team of researchers who reside at the home or partner institutions and are affiliated with us through their research interests. The core team members are appointed by our Steering committee.

### CORE TEAM MEMBERS

Prof. M.J. Byrne (Wits)  
Prof. C.T. Chimimba (UP)  
Prof. S. Clusella-Trullas (SU)  
Prof. C.T. Downs (UKZN)  
Prof. K.J. Esler (SU)  
Prof. S.H. Foord (UniVen)  
Dr L.C. Foxcroft (SANParks)  
Prof. C. Hui (SU)  
Dr S. Kumschick (SU/SANBI)  
Prof. J. Measey (SU)  
Dr T.M. Mokotjomela (SANBI)  
Dr J.S. Rahlao (SANBI)  
Prof. D.M. Richardson (SU)  
Prof. M.P. Robertson (UP)  
Prof. T.B. Robinson-Smythe (SU)  
Dr S. Ruwanza (Rhodes)  
Prof. M.J. Somers (UP)  
Prof. J.S. Terblanche (SU)  
Prof. B.W. van Wilgen (SU)  
Prof. J.R. Wilson (SANBI/SU)  
Dr T.A. Zengeya (SANBI)

### PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

Stellenbosch University (SU)  
Rhodes University (RU)  
University of Cape Town (UCT)  
University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN)  
University of Pretoria (UP)  
University of the Witwatersrand (Wits)  
University of Venda (UniVen)  
South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)  
South African National Parks (SANParks)  
South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity (SAIAB)

## APPLICATION PROCESS

### PREPARE FOR YOUR BURSARY APPLICATION

- 1 View project options and scope  
Visit our website ([www.sun.ac.za/cib](http://www.sun.ac.za/cib)) to view all the projects offered by the various core team members.
2. Decide on a project of interest  
Select a project, or a topic of your own interest, which is aligned with our research field.
- 3 Find a supervisor to support you  
Approach a supervisor/core team member to discuss your ideas.
- 4 Submit your bursary application  
Apply through <https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/> Add C-I-B as an additional reference in fields provided in the application, as follows: Prof; Richardson; D; Dave; C-I-B; Science Faculty; Stellenbosch University; cib@sun.ac.za; Research Chair or Centre of Excellence. .

All applications must be submitted electronically on the NRF platform, by the internal deadline stipulated by the Institution you intend to commence your studies.

- 5 Final step: register your application on C•I•B application database
  - A Proposed supervisor is a C•I•B core team member:
    - When you receive your application number from the NRF system, ask the core team member to nominate you on C•I•B portal.
    - A token is an e-mail to you with a link which allows you to register your NRF application on the C•I•B application database.

- You will have 3 days from the issue of the token to complete the registration information.

- The core team member will accept your registration once you submit the information.

B Proposed supervisor is NOT a C•I•B core team member:

- When you receive your application number from the NRF system, send an e-mail with your name and NRF application number in the subject line to [cib@sun.ac.za](mailto:cib@sun.ac.za) and provide the following information:

**Your name, surname**  
**Your e-mail address**  
**Supervisor's title, name, surname, contact phone number and e-mail address**  
**Name of institution where you propose to study**

- You will receive an e-mail with a token which is a link that allows to you to register your NRF application on the C•I•B application database.
- You will have 3 days from the issue of the token to complete the registration information.

Registration of your NRF bursary application on the C•I•B system should be done within a calendar week from the submission of your NRF bursary application. This enables the C•I•B to track your bursary application for assessment by the C•I•B's panel.

### NOTES

- Post-doctoral fellowships are excluded from this call and details of that programme will be advertised on the CIB webpage in due course [www.sun.ac.za/cib](http://www.sun.ac.za/cib).
- The submission of your application does not automatically qualify you for a bursary.
- If you do not register your NRF bursary application on the C•I•B application system we will not be able to track your application in the NRF system.