

Biological Invasions Bursaries available for 2020 2 x Honours; 7 x Masters; 2 x Doctoral; 2 x Post-doctoral

Bursaries are available to conduct research through the South African National Biodiversity Institute's Biological Invasions Directorate.

Projects relevant to one of SANBI BID's focus areas will be considered (status report and monitoring; incursion detection and response planning; eradication planning and co-ordination; risk analysis; and taxonomy). For more details see the following resources (free to download):

<https://doi.org/10.1590/sajs.2013/20120111>

<https://abcjournal.org/index.php/abc/issue/view/113>

<https://www.sanbi.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/National-Status-Report-web-6MB.pdf>

<https://doi.org/10.1111/1365-2664.13251>

For potential projects see:

<https://www.sanbi.org/job/biological-invasions-bursaries/>

For other projects, please contact us before submitting an application to check if your proposal is suitable.

Bursary values: Bursaries are to cover living expenses and university fees

- Honours/4th year undergraduate: R 96,000 p.a. for 1 year
- Masters: R 144,000 p.a. for 2 years*
- Doctoral: R 180,000 p.a. for 3 years*
- Post-doctoral: R 300,000 p.a. for 2 years

*Applicants for Masters or Doctoral bursaries can be considered for a one-year project development internship should the applicant be unlikely to finish their studies within the prescribed period of time. In such cases, a candidate may be offered an internship interview. A project development intern is expected to re-apply for a bursary the following year.

Requirements and Running costs: Candidates must be pro-active, enthusiastic, and interested in doing excellent research that will help improve our understanding and management of biological invasions. Funds are only available to students and post-docs registered at universities in South Africa. Student bursaries are only available to South African citizens and will be awarded in line with national equity targets and the need to diversify the research landscape. Post-doctoral research bursaries are open to anyone who has completed their PhD in the last five years. Honours students need to apply to a university honours programme themselves and the bursary is conditional upon them securing their position in such a programme. Project running expenses are covered separately to the bursaries and vary depending on the project. Unsuccessful and ineligible bursary applicants may be considered for support with project running costs if their projects are closely aligned to SANBI BID's focus areas.

Application procedure: All applications must be accompanied by a cover-sheet available at:

<https://www.sanbi.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/sanbi-bid-research-bursaries-application-cover-sheet-2020.docx>

Applications must also include a one-page project outline for Honours applications or a two-page project outline for Masters, Doctoral, and Post-doctoral applications; a full CV; a certified copy of academic record; letters of reference from two academic supervisors; an agreement from a prospective academic supervisor; a certified copy of ID; and two journal publications if applicable.

Send all documents to: students@sanbi.org.za

cc: sanbi.dbi.bursaries@gmail.com

Subject: SANBI Biological Invasions Bursary application

E-mails must be <9MB.

For academic queries contact: Prof John Wilson (jwilson@sun.ac.za)

For questions about the application process contact: Ms René du Toit (r.dutoit@sanbi.org.za)

Closing date: Friday 8 November 2019

SANBI reserves the right not to fill these bursaries.

If no response has been received within 28 working days of the closing date, candidates may assume that their applications were unsuccessful.