

## **Biological Invasions Bursaries available for 2019** **4 x Honours; 8 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**

Projects will be considered providing they are relevant to one of SANBI's focus areas (status report and monitoring; incursion detection and response planning; eradication planning and co-ordination; taxonomy). For details of the types of projects that can be considered see Wilson *et al.* 2013 South African Journal of Science <https://doi.org/10.1590/sajs.2013/20120111>; and Wilson *et al.* 2017 Bothalia African Biodiversity and Conservation; <https://doi.org/10.4102/abc.v47i2.2207>, both free to download. For some potential projects see <https://www.sanbi.org/job/biological-invasions-bursaries-for-2019/>. 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 80,000 p.a. for 1 year
- Masters: R 120,000 p.a. for 2 years\*
- Doctoral: R 150,000 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. Student bursaries are only available to South African citizens and will be awarded in line with national equity targets. Unsuccessful and ineligible bursary applicants may be considered for support with project running costs if their projects are closely aligned to SANBI's focus areas. 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. Funds are only available to students and post-docs registered at universities in South Africa.

### **Application procedure**

Each application is to be accompanied by a standard bursary application cover sheet (available at <https://www.sanbi.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/sanbi-bid-research-bursaries-application-cover-sheet-2019.docx>). Applications must include a full CV; certified copies of ID and academic record; two letters of academic reference; an agreement from a prospective academic supervisor; a one-page project outline for Honours applications or a two-page project outline for Masters, Doctoral, and Post-doctoral applications; and two journal publications if applicable. Send all documents to [students@sanbi.org.za](mailto:students@sanbi.org.za) with "SANBI Biological Invasions Bursary application" in the subject line. E-mails must be <9MB.

### **Contact details**

For academic queries: Prof John Wilson ([jrwilson@sun.ac.za](mailto:jrwilson@sun.ac.za))

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

### **Closing date**

Friday 2 November 2018 (successful candidates will be notified by early December)

*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.*