BURSARY PROGRAMMES

We offer funding 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

Bursaries are only available for studies at South African universities

GENERAL BURSARY PROGRAMME
Provides bursaries and research funds to academically strong students at Honours/4th year, Masters and Ph.D. levels. Applicants who are not South African citizens or permanent residents will be considered at Masters and Ph.D. levels.

OPEN BURSARY PROGRAMME
Provides bursaries and research funds to academically strong students at Honours/4th year, Masters and Ph.D. levels, whose supervisor is not one of our core team members. Applicants must be South African citizens or permanent residents.

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP
Fellowships are offered at partner universities and institutions, and are open to foreign and South African applicants who have completed their Ph.D. degrees.

Bursary awards are dependent on the outcome of the assessment by the panel. The submission of your application does not automatically qualify you for a bursary.
PREPARE FOR YOUR BURSARY APPLICATION

1. **VIEW PROJECT OPTIONS AND SCOPE**
   Visit our website (www.sun.ac.za/cib) to view all the projects or post-doctoral fellowships that are 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, and get the supervisor’s support.

4. **GET ALL THESE DOCUMENTS READY**
   1. Proof of provisional acceptance from your host department/institution, for the level for which you are planning to enrol
   2. Copy of up-to-date academic record
   3. Two reference letters
   4. Curriculum Vitae
   5. Copy of ID or passport
   6. **Open bursary applicant** must have a written statement of acceptance from their supervisor.

   **LEVEL SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS REQUIRED**
   - HONS/4TH YEAR: 1 page statement of interest in invasion biology
   - MASTERS & PH.D.: 2 page project outline
   - POST DOC: Ph.D. Certificate (with a certified English translation if original is not in English)
     - 2 page project outline
     - 2 submitted/published articles

SUBMIT YOUR BURSARY APPLICATION

1. **GET NOMINATED AS BURSARY APPLICANT**
   - **General bursary & Post-Doctoral applicants:** Your supervisor (if a core team member) nominates you as an applicant via our electronic application system. **Open Bursary applicants (supervisor is not a core team member):** You must send an e-mail to cib@sun.ac.za with the following information: Your title, name, surname and e-mail address; your supervisor’s title, name, surname, contact phone numbers, e-mail address and name of the institution. We will then nominate you as an applicant.

2. **GET ACCESS TO THE APPLICATION SYSTEM**
   Once you are nominated, an electronic e-mail is generated which provides you with a link to the application system and a unique “token” which gives you access to the online application form. The token is valid for 3 days from the date the e-mail is generated.

3. **SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ELECTRONICALLY**
   Before logging onto the application site, ensure that you have all documents ready in electronic format. Log on to the electronic system, complete the form and upload all your documents onto the system.

   **YOUR APPLICATION GETS ACCEPTED ONLINE**
   Your supervisor or C-I-B representative will now “accept” your application on the system, which makes it available for assessment by the C-I-B panel.