



## **NRF Call for 2022 Bursary Applicants: HONOURS bursaries for South African students within the fields of poverty, inequality, and labour markets**

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**Applications are invited from South African citizens to apply for Honours bursaries broadly within the fields of poverty, inequality, and labour markets.** In general however, students wishing to undertake their thesis or long paper broadly within an applied economics area are encouraged to apply. Examples of the themes that would be of interest include:

- Poverty, inequality and Inclusive Economic Growth;
- The impact of social grants on economic growth, poverty and inequality in South Africa;
- The role of the informal economy in engendering a more equitable growth path for South Africa;
- The relationship between schooling inputs and measured outcomes within South Africa;
- Economic Complexity, structural transformation, and employment creation;
- The impact of technology and the fourth industrial revolution on the South African labour market;
- Wage polarisation and/or job polarisation and wage inequality;
- The impact of the national minimum wage in South Africa, and more generally the impact of minimum wages in a developing country context;
- Matching youth to jobs in urban South Africa;
- Identification of skills gaps in the labour market;
- Analysis of skills and occupation in the South African informal sector;
- Analysis of South African wage trends;
- Africa's jobs challenge and youth unemployment.

These bursaries will be awarded on a competitive basis, accounting for both equity and academic excellence. Preference will be given to students from previously disadvantaged backgrounds.

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### **How to Apply:**

- View the official NRF call [here](#).
- Consult the [NRF Scholarships 2022 - General Application Guide](#).
- **All postgraduate students will be expected to apply on the NRF Online Submission System by accessing this link: <https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/>.**
- When applying, please use Prof Borat's Social Science Chair in Economic Sciences **UID number: 71186**.
- No manual applications will be accepted.

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<sup>1</sup> National Research Foundation (NRF): South African Research Chairs Initiative

### Deadline for applications:

Applicants are encouraged to complete their online submission by 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to allow for administrative processing, however the official UCT closing date for Honours applications is: **1 November 2021.**

### Additional information:

The NRF minimum academic requirement for postgraduate funding is 65% for major subjects in the final year of undergraduate study.

The entry age requirement is 28 years or younger for Honours studies, in the year of application (i.e. applicants must not be over 28 years by 31 December 2021), regardless of first year of registration.

*Table 1. Eligibility criteria for first time applicants for the NRF postgraduate funding for Full Cost of Study and Partial Cost of Study for the 2022 academic year*

Study Level	Full Cost of Study		Partial Cost of Study
	Exceptional Achievers	Financially Needy and Students with Disability	Other
Honours	Average of $\geq 75\%$ mark for major subjects in the final year of undergraduate study	Average of $\geq 65\%$ mark for major subjects in the final year of undergraduate study	Average of $\geq 65\%$ mark for major subjects in the final year of undergraduate study
	<b>Applicants for honours funding must be 28 years of age or younger in the year of application i.e. applicants must not be over 28 years by 31 December 2021. Only South African citizens and permanent residents are eligible for honours bursaries.</b>		

Read more here:

- [NRF Postgraduate Scholarships 2022 – Application and Funding Framework](#)
- [NRF Postgraduate Scholarships 2022 - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [DSI-NRF Postgraduate Student Application and Funding Guide for 2022.](#)

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