

**Solar Thermal Energy Research Group (STERG)
Postgraduate Bursary Application Form for 2020**

CLOSING DATE 31 October 2019

Thank you for your interest in STERG's Bursary Scheme. Please visit our website for more information on the bursary and on our current research projects: sterg.sun.ac.za/bursaries

Please complete this form and **send your completed form, with the necessary documentation** as indicated below to the Bursary Administrator at e-mail STERG@sun.ac.za.

Personal information:					
Title:	Initials:	Surname:			
Full names:			Name:		
Marital Status:			Gender:	Date of birth:	
Id / Passport nr:			Nationality:		
Race:	White		Black		Coloured
Please tick:	Asian/Indian		Other		If other, please specify:
Tel nr (office hours):			Fax nr:		
Mobile nr:					
Email address:					
Postal address:					
					Postal Code:
Tertiary educational information (for the last 2 highest qualifications obtained):					
Institution (e.g. Stellenbosch University):					
Country (e.g. South Africa):					
Qualification (e.g. MEng):		Field (e.g. Mechanical Engineering):			
Year started:		Year completed:			
Distinction:		Student no:			
Institution (e.g. Stellenbosch University):					
Country (e.g. South Africa):					
Qualification (e.g. BEng):		Field (e.g. Mechanical Engineering):			
Year started:		Year completed:			
Distinction:		Student no:			

Other relevant experience:				
Necessary documentation:				
Please attach certified copies of the following documents to your completed form and tick off with an X when included.				
Certificates of degrees and/or diplomas		Detail academic transcripts including all modules and their marks		Identity Document
List of publications & conference proceedings (if applicable)		Abstract of thesis (if applicable)		Passport and permanent residence permit if not SA Citizen
Particular interest of study:				
Write a 200 word motivation, on a separate page, why you are interested in Concentrating Solar Power (CSP) and related technologies. You may include your personal experience with regard to renewable energy.				
Do you receive any other bursaries for the 2020 academic year?	Yes		No	
<u>If yes please provide details:</u>	Name of Institution/Company/University giving bursary e.g. NRF, Eskom, SANERI		Amount of bursary per year	
Proposed degree (please mark with where applicable):				
A Coursework Master Degrees				
MEng (Coursework)		MPhil		MSc (Coursework)
B Research Degrees				
MEng (Research)		MSc		PhD
Independent of your degree you need to have identified a topic and supervisor and it should be listed below. Please request your intended supervisor to confirm your acceptance to the programme by email to us: STERG@sun.ac.za				
Research topic:				
Proposed research:				
In a separate document of no more than 1 page (Masters) to 3 pages (PhD), provide an abstract or brief proposal of your intended research topic.				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make clear how your proposed research is relevant to concentrating solar power/energy - Documents exceeding the page limit will not be considered 				
Name of supervisor:		E-mail address of supervisor:		
Date studies will commence:		Full-time student?	Yes	No
Have you been accepted to the relevant academic programme? <i>(If yes please attach copy of acceptance letter).</i>			Yes	No
Type of Bursary?	Masters: R90 000 to R100 000 p.a. for max 2 years*	PhD: R130 000 p.a. for max 3 years*		

*) STERG intends to fund full degrees where possible until completion. Re-application for following years are prioritized and will be considered pending sufficient funding of the sponsor and under consideration of satisfactory progress of the bursary holder. Bursary level for Masters are depending on availability of funds.

BURSARY CONDITIONS:

- 1) Bursaries are only awarded to *South African citizens* or *permanent residents* and preference will be given to candidates from the designated groups, including female students. Proof of permanent residence permit must be submitted with application for bursary by non-South African citizens.
- 2) Bursaries are only available for **full-time, on-campus students**.
- 3) STERG intends to fund full degrees where possible until completion. Re-application for following years are prioritized and will be considered pending sufficient funding of the sponsor and under consideration of satisfactory progress of the bursary holder.
- 4) You must be admitted to and registered for the degree programme as indicated on your application before any bursary payments will be made. If you want to change your programme or research project you will have to apply in writing to do so and may forfeit your bursary if it is decided that the new programme/project is no longer a priority research field of the Solar Thermal Energy Research Group.
- 5) **You may not hold any other bursaries in conjunction with this bursary. This restriction will apply to all bursaries from the National Research Foundation, employers such Eskom and SASOL and bursaries from trusts or other donor agencies.**
In exception to the above, particular bursaries (such as the Departmental bursary) may be topped up using parts of the STERG bursary, forfeiting the balance. A STERG bursary holder may accept the university awarded merit bursaries. No other bursary may top-up the STERG bursary.
- 6) All merit bursaries that you receive must be reported to STERG as soon as they are awarded, including the amount of said bursaries.
- 7) You may not commit more than eight hours per week to any additional income generating work. Any such work, and the amount of income you will receive from it, must be declared to and approved by your supervisor and the director of STERG.

I confirm that I have read and understand the conditions of the bursary and all information provided in this application is true and correct.

Signature:

Date:

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