

MSc bursaries: Scientific Authority (2015 – 2017)

The South African National Biodiversity Institute is offering two MSc bursaries to two enthusiastic students with strong conservation interests.

The research project to be undertaken by the student in fulfilment of the requirements of an MSc must contribute to the mandate of the Scientific Authority (see <http://www.sanbi.org/programmes/conservation/mandate-and-functions-scientific-authority>). The Scientific Authority was established in terms of Section 60 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act of 2004 (NEMBA) to assist government with regulating the trade in specimens of threatened or protected species (TOPS) and species listed on the Appendices to CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora).

The research project must generate information that is useful for the conservation, management and sustainable use of one of the CITES-listed species on the attached application form. One bursary will be awarded to support a project on a plant species and one bursary will be awarded to support a project on an animal species. The SANBI will nominate a co-supervisor and will cover all operational costs of the project.

The successful applicants will be expected to identify an appropriate supervisor at a South African university and then register with the university before the end of February 2015.

Duration: March 2015 – March 2017

Bursary information: A student bursary of R 105 000,00 per annum (excluding operational costs) will be awarded to the successful applicants and will be renewable in the second year of study.

Application procedure: The attached form should be completed and submitted together with all the required documents to students@sanbi.org.za Subject: 'SANBI MSc bursary Scientific Authority'. The applicant must motivate in his/her letter of interest why the SANBI should award the bursary to them. The applicant must also indicate whether he/she is applying for the MSc plant or MSc animal bursary and which of the species listed on the application form they are interested in studying and why.

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Closing date: 30 January 2015

SANBI reserves the right not to fill these bursaries.

If no response has been received within 21 days of the closing date, candidates may assume that their applications were unsuccessful.