

TATA AFRICA SCHOLARSHIPS IN SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

Three awards will be made to women who are currently involved in full-time postgraduate study or research leading to a **master's degree** in an **area where participation by women is traditionally particularly low**. These awards will recognise outstanding ability and potential in research.

Application criteria

Grants will be awarded to young women who have registered for a degree in one of the following areas:

- Architecture.
- Astronomy.
- Astrophysics.
- Computer/Information Sciences.
- Engineering.
- Mathematics
- Statistics.
- Physics.

Adjudication criteria

- Quality and feasibility of the proposed plan of study or research and proposed time schedule.
- A demonstrable need for the specialised knowledge and skills that she plans to acquire.
- Academic and professional qualifications, including research publication record.
- Applicant's commitment to the advancement of women and girls in South Africa / Africa as demonstrated by her previous work and her proposed study or research.

Award content

R50 000 (X3)

Use of the award

The award can be used for normal academic registration and tuition fees, but also to expand the experience of the awardee. It can be used to purchase additional equipment required for the completion of the master's degree, or to enable the awardee to spend three to six months at an international research facility to improve the outcome of their studies.

Application procedure

Applications on the attached form, **indicating clearly which category of fellowship is being applied for**, should reach the Department of Science and Technology by **17 July 2009**. No late entries will be accepted.

Applications can be posted to the Project Coordinator, SA Women in Science Awards, Department of Science and Technology, Private Bag X894, Pretoria, 0001, or submitted electronically to WISAwards@dst.gov.za.

They should be accompanied by the following:

- **A letter of intent and candidate statement**

The letter must indicate a desire to be considered for the fellowship.

The statement must indicate how the applicant qualifies for the fellowship, including the following information:

- The quality and feasibility of the proposed plan of study or research and proposed schedule.
 - A demonstrable need for the specialised knowledge and skills that she plans to acquire.
 - Academic and professional qualifications.
 - A demonstrable commitment to the advancement of women and girls in South Africa or the applicant's country of origin, as evidenced by her previous work and her proposed study or research.
- **Curriculum vitae**
The nominee's CV should provide complete relevant personal and professional data.
- **Letters of reference**
Letters of reference from three people discussing the candidate's professional competence and other personal or professional qualities or interests that make the applicant especially qualified to receive a fellowship. Each letter of reference should contain the following information:
 - The candidate's relationship to the referee.
 - The technical accomplishments and relative standing of the candidate among her peers.
 - The candidate's interest and experience in applying her expertise to the improvement of the quality of life of women.
 - The contact details of the referee.

APPLICATION FORM

**TATA AFRICA SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP:
2009**

Field of Study: _____

Surname	
Names	
Nationality	
Identity number	
Date of birth	
Postal address	
Physical address	
Email address	
Telephone	
Fax	
Current field of study	
Country of residence	

Education

Institution	Years attended	Field of study	Qualification obtained

Employment record

Employer	Employment period	Post held	Responsibilities

