

Skye Foundation Postgraduate Scholarships

Criteria

The Skye Foundation and the Skye International Foundation award a number of annual scholarships to postgraduate students of exceptional merit who intend to read for a higher degree or prosecute research under the direction of leaders in their particular fields.

Under exceptional circumstances, awards may also be made in support of non-degree courses at postgraduate level.

The trustees may, at their discretion, also award funds towards purchase of research materials and equipment required by candidates selected for support.

The field of study is unrestricted. Awards are tenable at South African universities with a proven record of quality research in the relevant field or, at the discretion of the trustees, at recognised institutions of higher learning anywhere in the world.

Eligibility

Skye scholarships are awarded on the basis of outstanding academic achievement in any discipline and they are therefore awarded only to candidates of exceptional merit who have distinguished themselves academically in their first or subsequent degrees and are likely, in the opinion of trustees and their peers, to continue to achieve at a high level. Awards are made to South African Citizens who are normally under the age of 30.

The trustees will only consider candidates who have been nominated by deans of faculties and supported by academic leaders in their discipline.

It is not possible for candidates to apply directly for support and any applications so received will not be acknowledged.

The trustees may actively seek suitable candidates through approaches to local research universities.

In the case of study at foreign universities, preference will be given to candidates who have not had the opportunity to study overseas.

Honours Bursaries

Skye Foundation supports honours bursaries at both the universities of Cape Town and Witwatersrand. These are administered directly by the universities.

Value of Awards

Awards are generous and may, depending on circumstances, be sufficient to cover tuition fees, living expenses and other costs. Awards for 2024 will only be for one academic year.

In the case of the PhD, early acceptance of research findings for publication would be an expectation, as would presentation of findings at international conferences in the particular discipline.

Depending on the value of the Skye scholarship, trustees may impose a limit on the value of other scholarships that can be held concurrently.

How to Apply

Applications should be submitted to ebesigning@uct.ac.za with fully referenced documentation as listed below.

1. The candidate's e-mail, postal and home address and telephone numbers.
2. Full details of the course of study to be followed, including a motivation for the choice of institution, name and contact details of the supervisor (if applicable), duration of course.
3. The candidate's full curriculum vitae and an abridged 2-page version.
4. Letters of support from at least two faculty members or leaders in the relevant academic discipline
5. Copies of the letters of acceptance by the university and college (if available).
6. Details of costs of tuition, living and other expenses.
7. Full academic transcript.

EBE Review Process

- The closing date for the receipt of applications is **20 January 2025**.
- Applications should be sent to ebesigning@uct.ac.za.
- The Dean's Office will issue a letter to complete all relevant information directly to the student by **20 January 2025**.
- The student should return the completed letter to ebesigning@uct.ac.za together with all the relevant documentation by **23 January 2025**.
- The Dean's Office will return the signed letter to the student for their submission to the Skye Scholarship portal.
- The application deadline for final submissions on the portal is **31 January 2025**.