

General guidelines on eligibility for the CSIR-Sasol Foundation Bursary Scheme

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), in collaboration with the Sasol Foundation, supports the development of qualified scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians (STEM) through a bursary programme for undergraduate studies. This initiative aims to build a strong pipeline of STEM skills, ensuring the sustainability of our workforce and critical skills for the country.

1. Eligibility

- Must be an unemployed South African;
- Registered or intend to register at any public university for the following:
Undergraduate
 - Merit-based academic performance:
 - Grade 12 (Level 6 in Mathematics and Physics and Level 5 in English); and
 - Minimum average of 65% for university students, who must not have failed any module.
- Preference will be given to applicants from previously disadvantaged backgrounds/NSFAS holders.

2. Financial support provided (continuation dependent on performance)

- Registration fees
- Tuition fees
- Accommodation and meals
- Living allowances
- Book allowance
- Once-off laptop allowance

3. Non-financial support provided

- Psychosocial support;
- Mentorship programme;
- Onboarding programme; and
- Personal and academic skills training.

4. Payment process and conditions of the bursary

- For registration, tuition fees and accommodation (for the students staying in a university residence), the amount will be paid directly to the university;
- If staying in private accommodation, the amount will be paid to the student's bank account; and
- A laptop, books and living allowances are paid into a student's bank account.

5. Successful completion of the online application form

- Applicants are required to complete their online application forms in full.

Incomplete application forms will not be considered.

- All applications must be accompanied by the following supporting documents: Proof of a South African identity document, grade 11 report/Matric, academic record (if applicable) and an updated CV.

6. Feedback

- Once an application has been submitted, applicants will be able to check their application status using the login details supplied to them during the initial application process;
- Communication will be sent to all the applicants to notify them of their application status; and
- All shortlisted applicants will be required to attend a virtual interview session.

7. Requirements for successful applicants:

- **Reporting requirements for bursary programme participants**
 - All funded Students are expected to submit the results at the end of each semester.
- **Work back requirements**
 - Students are required to offer their service at the CSIR upon completion of their studies for a period equal to the number of years they were funded.
- **Vacation work**
 - Students will have the opportunity to work and gain exposure on CSIR projects during the university holidays, for a maximum of six weeks each year, depending on the availability of supervisors.

8. Contact details

- For enquiries, contact the CSIR at bursaryprogramme@csir.co.za.