



SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO ASTRONOMY OBSERVATORY

HONOURS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2021

APPLICATION GUIDE

**READ THIS GUIDE CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING AN
APPLICATION FORM**

1 CLOSING DATE FOR HONOURS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2021

Individual universities will set their own internal closing dates for applications. Please find out from the university where you intend registering for your Honours degree, what their internal closing date is, and ensure you submit your application by that date.

2 ELIGIBILITY FOR SARAO HONOURS SCHOLARSHIPS

2.1 SARAO will consider applications from South African citizens and permanent residents who have achieved a minimum average of 60% at undergraduate level, and who will be studying one of the following degrees in 2021:

2.1.1 Bachelor of Science – Honours, in Physics and Electronics / Astronomy / Astrophysics / Computer Science; or

2.1.2 Bachelor of Science – Honours at NASSP (National Astrophysics and Space Science Programme)
<https://www.star.ac.za/honours-astrophysics-and-space-science>.

3 STRUCTURE OF A SARAO HONOURS SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2021

3.1 The duration of a SARAO Honours Scholarship is one year.

3.2 The current level for SARAO Honours Scholarship is R148,000 per annum. (Note: the scholarship level may be adjusted to take into account changes in university fees and inflation.)

4 CONDITIONS OF AWARD FOR SARAO HONOURS SCHOLARSHIPS

4.1 Students are required to submit proof of registration at their university, to SARAO. No funds for a scholarship will be released until SARAO has received the proof of registration.

4.2 Students must achieve a minimum of 60% average, in their mid-year and year-end results. Students are required to submit their mid-year and year-end university transcripts for evaluation to SARAO. Students who do not obtain a minimum of 60% average may not receive further funding from SARAO.

4.3 Students who do not obtain the degree for which the scholarship was awarded, relinquish their studies, or leave the tertiary institution during the period for which the scholarship was awarded, will have to refund all payments of the scholarship already paid to them.

4.4 Students are allowed to hold supplementary grants with this scholarship, to a maximum of 50% of SARAO scholarship, but the student must inform SARAO, via his/her university, of such awards.

4.5 If a student wishes to change his/her field of study, or the university, for which the scholarship was offered, he/she must provide a motivation to SARAO for approval, prior to any changes. SARAO is

under no obligation to continue support if the changes do not align with the original criteria on which the scholarship offer was made.

- 4.6 On completion of the studies supported by means of the scholarship, students are required to submit a copy of their degree to SARAQ.
- 4.7 Honours students who achieve two or more distinctions in their mid-year exams, may be invited to the postgraduate scholarship conference. Attendance at the conference will provide students with the opportunity to get to know the general radio astronomy community, meet potential postgraduate supervisors, and understand the postgraduate research environment.
- 4.7.1 All honours students who have been awarded a SARAQ Scholarship for the first time will be required to attend an induction workshop.

5 IMPORTANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

- 5.1 Applications must be submitted electronically on the NRF Online Submission System: <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za/nrfmkii/>
- 5.2 In completing an application form for a scholarship from SARAQ, you accept the conditions listed above.
- 5.3 No late or incomplete applications will be accepted.
- 5.4 Successful applicants will be notified by 20 November 2020. If you have not heard from SARAQ by 20 November 2020, please assume that your application was NOT successful.
- 5.5 SARAQ reserves the right not to accept any application in part or in whole. The decision of SARAQ will be final and no correspondence will be entered into after the decision.

6 SARAQ CONTACT INFORMATION

Queries with regards to the application requirements or the application procedure, may be directed to:

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