

Bursaries 2025

Learnerships for prospective teachers:

Pinelands High School offers learnership opportunities for PGCE students doing Mathematics, Physical Sciences or English.

Bursaries for prospective PGCE students:

1. National Students Financial AID Scheme (NSFAS)

NSFAS has been re-instated for PGCE students:

Eligibility for NSFAS for Postgraduate 2025

To qualify for NSFAS funding as a postgraduate student, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a South African citizen
- Intend to study at a public university in South Africa
- Come from a household with a combined annual income of R350,000 or less
- Be accepted or registered for an approved postgraduate program
- Not currently receiving financial assistance from other sources for the same program

Note: It's essential to note that NSFAS primarily supports students pursuing selected postgraduate diplomas and Honours degrees. Funding for Master's and Doctoral programs is limited and may not be available for all applicants.

[NSFAS requirements for Postgraduate 2024/2025](#)

Before starting the NSFAS application process for Postgraduate courses, ensure that you have the following documents:

- Certified copy of your South African ID or birth certificate
- Certified copies of your parent(s) or guardian(s) ID
- Proof of income for your parent(s) or guardian(s)
- Your latest academic records
- Consent form signed by your parent(s) or guardian(s) for NSFAS to verify income

Please create a profile should you not have an existing one:

<https://my.nsfas.org.za/>

2. Ikusasa Student Financial Aid Programme (ISFAP)

Kindly peruse this bursary opportunity at <https://pg.isfap.org.za/> and see the **applications criteria** here: <https://applyonline.isfap.org.za/>

Applications for 2025 open in May 2024.

Application for an ISFAP bursary does not in any way guarantee that you will be selected for funding. There is a strict selection process based on merit and funder requirements and funding is limited.

Who qualifies for an ISFAP bursary?

Students that are eligible for ISFAP funding are:

- Applicants from families whose annual income is between R0 - R600 000.00 per annum.
- Applicants must be a South African citizen.

ISFAP Application Process:

The application process for financial funding from ISFAP entails:

- Apply and get accepted at your University of choice.
- Assess if you qualify based on the University you have been accepted at and then check against Universities we have partnered with.
- Assess if you qualify based on ISFAP funded degrees/programmes at University we have partnered with.
- Check your e-mails regularly once you have started your application process for further engagement and application status update.
- Applications for the academic year 2025 will be opening on the end of May 2024.

Note the FAQs: <https://www.isfap.org.za/frequently-asked-questions/>

Download the consent form here: [isfap-application consent form v1.pdf](#)

Any queries can be made directly to ISFAP at postgrad@isfap.org.za or students@isfap.org.za or Ms Carmelita Lee Shong at Carmelita.Leeshong@uct.ac.za who is based at UCT.

Call Centre Number: **010 880 0400**
Applicants and Student Matters - ISFAP

3. HCI Foundation

The HCI Foundation offers bursaries at: <https://www.hcifoundation.co.za/> or <https://hcifoundation.devman.co.za/devman/web/bursary/?fbclid=IwAR0eO9ScWyKbej8K1VvlLHBB5Dl45Nwj9Zeznaozj2Ul5b3NgkGpoA-EkNE> or <https://www.hcifoundation.co.za/bursaries/>

Applications for intake usually opens on 1 August – 30 September 2024.

Eligibility:

South African citizens, refugees and asylum seekers who fulfil the following criteria:

- Current HCI Foundation bursary recipients who are still studying at their respective institutions throughout South Africa.
- New applicants at the level of Honours and Postgraduate Diploma who will be studying at the selected institutions.
- Studying at a public university.
- With a gross family income of less than R38 500 per month.
- Age 35 years or under on 30 September 2025 (subject to change).