Bursaries 2027

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. 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 2027 are open.
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 finding is limited.

Eligibility Criteria

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 2027 are open.

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 Mr Hayward Barends Hayward.Barends@uct.ac.za based at UCT.

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

2. ETDP-SETA

Bursaries for PGCE studies are awarded to unemployed students. Allocations take place between February and March each year through a survey distributed by the UCT Financial Aid Office to all PGCE students. Please note that this process is managed by the Financial Aid Office, and the School of Education should not be contacted regarding bursaries.

3. HCI Foundation

The HCI Foundation has updated its bursary funding model. Students may now apply directly via the UCT Financial Aid Office, which will distribute a survey to each new PGCE cohort, shortly after registration, during the first few months of the academic year.

Further information can be viewed at: https://www.hcifoundation.co.za/ or https://www.hcifoundation.co.za/bursaries/

Eligibility criteria:

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 2027 (subject to change).

4. The Vejayanthran Bursary

Scholarship Overview

Selected scholarship recipients will receive a scholarship up to the value of R100,000 to pursue a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) at the University of Cape Town, the number one ranked university on the continent. Tuition Fees for the PGCE (approx R70,000) will be paid in full (this does NOT including residence fees, we only accept day students who live in Cape Town) and a sum of R30,000 will be granted towards travel and other living expenses. This scholarship aims to remove financial barriers, enabling future educators to focus on their studies and professional development.

Eligibility Criteria

- Gender: Females only
- Applicable Teaching Subjects: Accounting with Maths SP & Lit, English SP & FET + second subject, Mathematics SP & FET, Physical Sciences and Natural Sciences
- Academic Requirements: Minimum 70% average across teaching subjects in the undergraduate degree

- Financial Needs Basis: Combined gross income of parents/guardians must be less than R350,000 per year. Applicants must submit bank statements from both parents/guardians.
- Citizenship: Must be a South African citizen
- Residency Requirement: Must be a day student residing at home in Cape Town and not requiring university residence

2027 intake will open October 2026.