

SAKATA SEED SOUTHERN AFRICA

Bursary for Undergraduate Studies in BSc PLANT SCIENCES or Related Fields

To encourage previously disadvantaged students to complete their academic studies and contribute meaningfully to the South African commercial Agricultural industry, Sakata Seed Southern Africa have introduced a bursary for deserving Agricultural students, specialising in plant sciences.

The bursary will cover academic tuition costs as well as books.

Qualifying Criteria

- ❖ Students must be:
 - A South African citizen
 - Currently registered as a student at a registered South African University studying towards a BSc degree in a Plant Science related discipline.
 - Proficient in English (both written and verbal communication skills).
- ❖ In addition to the above, the student must have achieved a minimum of 60% aggregate for the prior academic year.
- ❖ Exposure to Seed Science or Vegetable Seed Production during the academic programme, would be advantageous.
- ❖ The recipient of the bursary may not receive any other bursary with a contractual requirement to work for another Company.
- ❖ Students must have a keen interest in the application of their knowledge in a commercial environment, specifically within the vegetable seed industry.
- ❖ Students must have taken Mathematics at Grade 12 level, and achieved a minimum result of 55%.
- ❖ Pass marks above 55% in Biology and/or Science at Grade 12 level, will be an advantage.



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Conditions of the bursary

Upon successful completion of the final year of study, the student must be prepared to:

- work for the Company for at least 18 months in the year after having successfully completed their studies, should a suitable position be available at the time. During this time, the student must be willing to undergo further training at the Company in various departments to gain a better understanding of the seed industry.
- re-locate to Gauteng, or other area where required.

Students will be selected according to the following criteria:

- academic performance
- suitability for commercial employment within the seed industry
- submission of a paper (max. 3 typed pages) on the following topic:

“The importance of using Hybrid seed for commercial vegetable production, given the challenges within the South African agricultural sector.”

This paper should be your own interpretation of the value of using Hybrid seed, a maximum of 3 typed pages.

Preference will be given to applicants who fulfil the company’s Employment Equity requirements.



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Important notes:

- ❖ Students must complete their course within the year of registration of study, failing which the Company will recover the debt from the student.
- ❖ The recipient of the bursary may be required to complete vacation work at the Company's office, for which the student will be remunerated.
- ❖ Short-listed students must be prepared to undergo psychometric testing as well as integrity checks and will be interviewed by a selection panel.
- ❖ The Company reserves the right not to award the bursary should applicants not meet the required standard.

Closing date for applications is 9 September 2016

Students must submit the following supporting documentation, together with their application form:

- 1. Certified Copies of**
 - ID
 - Matric certificate
 - Academic records
- 2. Completed application form**
- 3. Paper on the specified topic**
- 4. Two references from lecturers**

For further information, e-mail the Human Resources Manager at Lorraine.Coetzee@sakata.eu

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APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL DETAILS:

Title:

MR

MRS

MISS

First Names: _____

Name commonly known as: _____

Surname: _____

Ethnic group (for equity purposes):

BLACK

COLOURED

INDIAN

WHITE

SA Citizen:

YES

NO

Age:

ID number:

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Physical Address: _____

Postal Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Contact telephone number: Code: _____ Tel: _____

Cell: _____

Alternate contact number: _____

E-mail Address: _____



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Home Language: _____

Other languages spoken: _____

Do you have a valid driver's licence? YES NO Code: _____

Have you ever received a bursary before? YES NO

If yes, what was the amount of the bursary? _____

Name of institution providing bursary: _____

State when: _____ and for which course:

What was the outcome of your studies? PASS FAIL

Do you need to repay the bursary? YES NO

DETAILS OF PROPOSED STUDY:

Which qualification are you studying for? _____

At which educational institution are you enrolled? _____

Type of tuition: Correspondence Part-time Full-time

Estimated cost for: _____

Study Year: _____



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Semester One

SUBJECT	ESTIMATED COST

Semester Two

SUBJECT	ESTIMATED COST



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Other costs:

Registration cost	R
Tuition fees	R
Prescribed books	R
Accommodation	R
Sundry: Please specify	R
TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS	R

Are you staying in a university residence/hostel?

YES	NO
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If so, please provide the name: _____

MOTIVATION FROM APPLICANT:

Please provide us with a short motivation on why you should receive this bursary (attach a separate motivation if more space required).

What aspect of Agriculture interests you most? _____

Upon successful completion of studies, which career/s are you most interested in following? Please list your preferred career direction/s.



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Provide details of any community service you have been involved in.

List any leadership positions you have held:

Do you work on a part-time or student basis?

YES

NO

Have you ever worked before? If so, please provide details:

Have you ever been guilty of a criminal offence?

YES

NO

If so, please explain the nature of the offence briefly.

Do you suffer from any allergies or other medical conditions?

If so, please provide details:

YES

NO

I hereby confirm that the above-mentioned particulars furnished by me are accurate. I further confirm that I am not under any contractual obligation to work for another Company and should my application for the bursary be successful, I will make myself available for service within the donor organization, should this be required. I consent to the Company performing any integrity checks that may be required.

Signed: _____

Applicant

Date: _____



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