



**South African Radio Astronomy Observatory
Applications for SARAO Honours Scholarships for 2025**

Application Guide

Applications must be submitted electronically at <https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za>

Enquiries regarding SARAO Honours Scholarships

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Closing date for SARAO Honours Scholarship Applications for the 2025 Academic Year

Individual universities will set their own closing dates for SARAO Honours applications. Find out the closing date from the university where you intend registering for your Honours degree, and ensure you submit your application on, or before that date.

1. Eligibility for SARAO Honours Scholarships for the 2025 Academic Year

Nationality	South African citizens and permanent residents
Degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Science – Honours: in Physics and Electronics or Astronomy or Astrophysics or Computer Science <p align="center">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Science - Honours at NASSP (National Astrophysics and Space Science Programme)
Minimum Academic Requirement	A minimum average of 65% in latest available undergraduate results
Age Requirement at Time of Application	28 years old, or younger

2. Supporting Documents to be Attached to your Application Form

You MUST attach ALL FIVE documents listed below, in the **Attachments Section** of the application form.

IF ANY OF THESE DOCUMENTS ARE NOT ATTACHED, SARAO WILL NOT CONSIDER YOUR APPLICATION!!!!

Document 1: Identity Document or Passport

- A copy of your South African Identity Document

Document 2: University Results

All your university academic results, from the start of your degree until now, **and** where relevant for **all other degrees** completed to date. **Please attached all your results as a single PDF Document**

Document 3: An Updated Curriculum Vitae

Document 4: Letter of Motivation

The motivation is CRITICAL to the review of your application. Take the time to draft an excellent motivation!

The motivation must be at least 500 words, and MUST include the following information:

- Why you chose to study the degree you have selected.
- Details of academic and other achievements.
- Details of extra-curricular activities you take part in.
- Your personal strengths, passions and career aspirations.
- Your understanding of radio astronomy generally, and more specifically of the MeerKAT and SKA radio telescopes.
- Why you should be awarded a SARAO Honours Scholarship.

3. Funding Levels for a SARAO Honours Scholarships for the 2025 Academic Year

I. Scholarship	R157,125
II. Laptop Grant	R12,000
III. Assistive Technology Device	R20,000

Note:

- I. The maximum duration of a SARAO Honours Scholarship is one year, however, SARAO will provide two years funding to students who register for the NASSP Extended Honours Course
- II. Laptop grants are available to Honours students.
- III. Students living with a disability may apply for a grant of up to R20 000. This is the maximum amount allowed during the tenure of the scholarship. An assistive device is defined as any device, product, equipment or tool that is designed or adapted to enable persons with disabilities to participate in activities, tasks or actions including: (i) mobility aids such as wheelchairs, prostheses and crutches as well as service animals (ii) communication aids such as hearing aids, Frequency Modulation (FM) systems; (iii) sensory aids such as white canes; noise reducing headphones and coloured lenses (iv) technology aids such as computers for alternate and augmentative communication, screen readers, magnifiers, texts in audio format (Strategic Policy Framework on Disability for the PSET, 2022).