



South African Radio Astronomy Observatory

Diploma in Engineering Technology Scholarship Programme

Call for Applications for January 2022

Application Guide

Read this guide carefully before completing an application form

Closing date/ Applications to reach SARAQ by: 30 September 2021

Suggested University of Technology Closing date: 15 September 2021

1. Eligibility for a SARAQ Diploma in Engineering Technology Scholarship

The South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAQ) will accept applications from:

- 1.1. South African citizens and permanent residents.
- 1.2. Students who wish to study, or are studying, one of the following diplomas:
 - 1.2.1. Diploma in Engineering Technology: Electronics, or
 - 1.2.2. Diploma in Engineering Technology: Mechanical
- 1.3. Students who have achieved a minimum of 60% in Mathematics and Physical Science in Grade 12, or a minimum average of 60% for Diploma in Engineering Technology subjects.

2. Structure and Value of SARAQ Diploma in Engineering Technology Scholarship in 2022

- 2.1. The duration of a SARAQ scholarship is:
 - 2.1.1. Three years for first-year students
 - 2.1.2. Two years for second-year students
 - 2.1.3. One year for third-year students
- 2.2. The Diploma in Engineering Technology scholarship for 2022 is R117 500. However, this scholarship value may be adjusted to take into account changes in university fees and inflation.

3. Conditions of Award of a SARAQ Diploma in Engineering Technology in 2022

- 3.1. Students are required to submit proof of registration at their university of technology, to SARAQ. No funds for a scholarship will be released until SARAQ has received the proof of registration.
- 3.2. A scholarship from SARAQ is renewable every six months, for the duration of the scholarship, at the sole discretion of SARAQ, and is subject to satisfactory academic performance by the student. Students must achieve a minimum of 60% average in each semester. Students who do not obtain a minimum of 60% average may not receive further funding from the SARAQ.
- 3.3. Students who do not obtain the diploma 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 received.
- 3.4. Students are allowed to hold supplementary grants, during this scholarship, to a maximum of 50% of the SARAQ award, but he/she must inform the SARAQ via his/her university of technology, of such awards.
- 3.5. If a student wishes to change his/her field of study, or the University of Technology, for which the scholarship was offered, he/she must provide a motivation to SARAQ for approval, prior to any changes. SARAQ is under no obligation to continue support if the changes do not align with the original criteria on which the scholarship offers was made.
- 3.6. On completion of the studies supported by means of an SARAQ scholarship, students are required to submit a copy of their diploma to SARAQ.
- 3.7. On completion of their studies, students are required to accept employment with SARAQ, for a period of three years, if employment is offered to him/her. This condition may be waived for a student, at the sole discretion of SARAQ, and following the submission of a motivation from the student.

4. Application Process and Important Information

- 4.1. Application forms can be found online at <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za/nrfmkii/>
- 4.2. Check with the University of Technology where you intend to register for their internal closing date
- 4.3. Please attach a copy of your RSA Identity Document, latest Grade 12 results and/or latest University of Technology results, University of Technology's academic record, references and any other documents required.
- 4.4. **NB:** Your application will not be considered if any of the required documents are not attached

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