



South African Radio Astronomy Observatory
Applications for an Undergraduate Block Grant starting in 2025
Application Form
Closing date for applications: 31 August 2024

Instructions

1. To facilitate evaluation, please provide the information requested in sections A and B, ensuring that the specified content and format are adhered to. Provide sufficient detail for each of the headings in section B. Applications with vague and generic answers will not be considered for support.
 2. Application documents must be named as follows: <NAME OF UNIVERSITY - DEPARTMENT - CONTACT PERSON – UG BG 2025>
 3. Applications must be submitted as a single PDF file, to Mr. Mkhululi Jodwana, at mjodwana@ska.ac.za, by 31 August 2024
 4. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED**
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Section A: University Details, University Point of Contact and Details of Degree

- a. Institution
- b. Department
- c. Contact person
 - i. Title and full name
 - ii. Designation
 - iii. Email address
- d. Degree to be supported by undergraduate block grant

Section B: Motivation for Funding

1. Student Training and Support

- Describe the structure of the undergraduate degree to be supported by the block grant (degree duration, objective of the degree, subject options that will be supported by the block grant)
- Describe how the department supports students to ensure their success in completing the undergraduate degree.
- Detail any relevant/specialised training activities, availability of specialised equipment, infrastructure, and resources, additional academic support etc. available to students in the department
- Include supplementary activities that will be implemented by in the department to create a broader awareness of radio astronomy.
- Detail any relevant inter-institutional (departmental) collaborations.

2. Transformation

- Provide the graduation rate for this degree for the past five years.
- Provide statistical evidence from the past five years of the department's track record graduating black and women South African students (applications **MUST** include tables and graphs to demonstrate the transformation trend of graduates within the department for the past 5 years)

3. Selection of Students

Explain how the department will recruit the students to be funded by the block grant, the eligibility criteria that will be applied to applications, as well as the decision-making process.