

Call for Applications for the National Astrophysics and Space Science Programme (NASSP) Honours Degree 2021

Application deadline: 31 August 2020

The National Honours Programme in Astrophysics and Space Science (NASSP) is currently offered at three university nodes in collaboration with other partner universities. The three nodes are at: University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN – Westville Campus), University of Cape Town (UCT), and North-West University (NWU)

Student Bursaries

South African students are eligible for bursaries which cover full cost of studying to qualifying students based on total gross household income not exceeding R300,000 per annum and partial cost of studying for others. The full cost of studying provides a contribution to living expenses including university residences /accommodation costs. South African students with undergraduate degrees in Astronomy, Astrophysics, or Physics, with Mathematics or Applied Mathematics at, at least, the second-year level are invited to apply. NASSP allows for successful and eligible students at Honours level to continue with their Masters degrees with funding support provided.

Application Procedure

Eligible students are invited to apply to NASSP online at <https://www.star.ac.za/application-procedure>.

Students provisionally accepted will be advised no later than mid-October 2020 and will be required to confirm their acceptance by then registering their application on the NRF Online Application System. Details of that process will be included in the provisional acceptance letter. Further information on the course can be obtained at: www.star.ac.za.

Step 1: Apply directly to the University node/s of your choice for Honours (you can apply at more than one)

Step 2: Complete the online NASSP application form at: <https://www.star.ac.za/application-procedure>

and email requested documents to applications@nassp.uct.ac.za

If successful in the NASSP application (you will be notified) then:

Step 3: Apply to the NRF online funding system using the instructions in your NASSP acceptance letter.

NASSP application details:

The application form (link at: <https://www.star.ac.za/application-procedure>) requires contact and demographic information, education history up to the present date, employment history (if any) up to present date, a detailed motivation outlining why you have applied for NASSP, and the names and contact details of 2 academic referees who can comment on your academic ability and suitability for postgraduate study.

In addition to completing the online application form, applicants must also submit their

1. **full CV**
2. **electronic copy of academic transcripts (official with university letterhead)**
3. **copy of passport or SA ID document**

to applications@nassp.uct.ac.za.

Please address any queries and/or any problems you may experience in the application process to nassp-admin@nassp.uct.ac.za (UCT) or nassp@ukzn.ac.za (UKZN) or nassp@nwu.ac.za (NWU).

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