

## Call for Applications for the National Astrophysics and Space Science Programme (NASSP) Honours Degree 2024

**Application deadline: 31 August 2023**

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

### Eligibility

NASSP Honours is open to students who have graduated with a B.Sc degree in one of Physics, Astronomy, Astrophysics or Cosmology. To be considered, students must have completed at least Physics and Mathematics / Applied Mathematics up to second year level. Successful students will be offered bursaries (based on full cost of study at a node) from honours degree level to the completion of their Master's degree which may be completed at any NASSP node or partnering university in South Africa with suitable a project in one of the fields mentioned above. In order to be eligible for a NASSP bursary, students must be South African citizens or South African Permanent Residents.

Non South African citizens or residents are welcome to apply to be part of the programme, if accepted, they must however, show proof of external funding when registering. The student may be required to obtain an eligibility evaluation based on South Africa Qualification Assessment.

### Application Procedure

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

Students provisionally accepted (subject to their final examinations results) will be advised no later than the end of October 2023. Further information on the course can be obtained at: [www.star.ac.za](http://www.star.ac.za). The application process is given below:

**Step 1:** Apply directly to the University node/s of your choice for the Honours degree

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

**Step 3:** Email requested documents to [applications@nassp.uct.ac.za](mailto:applications@nassp.uct.ac.za)

*If successful you will be notified via email. For those that do not receive any feedback by the first week of November 2023, you are encouraged to apply for a general NRF scholarship in another field of study (deadline mid-November).*

## Information Requirements:

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 are applying to be admitted to 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 copies of academic transcripts (official with university letterhead, minimum to the end of second year and preferably until the first semester of third year)**
3. **copy of passport or SA ID document**

to [applications@nassp.uct.ac.za](mailto: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](mailto:nassp-admin@nassp.uct.ac.za) (UCT) or [nassp@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:nassp@ukzn.ac.za) (UKZN) or [nassp@nwu.ac.za](mailto:nassp@nwu.ac.za) (NWU).

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