

FIRSTRAND
INTERNATIONAL
POSTGRADUATE
SCHOLARSHIPS

FirstRand Postgraduate International Scholarships

Objective:

To provide South Africans with higher learning opportunities abroad, contributing to their personal, academic, and career growth to develop leaders/innovators/out the box thinkers of the future who can drive and influence positive social and/or economic change

FirstRand is looking for:

- Exceptional South Africans who will come back to SA after their studies and make a difference in the country
- Destiny changers

Do you have the ability to be a destiny changer in your chosen field of study?

Can you change South Africa for the better on your return in your chosen field?

Can you innovate, motivate, inspire and/or lead in the private or public sector, individually or as a part of a team?

Can you make a difference to companies, communities or the country as a whole?

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

KUMALO
 TSHEPHISO SOMO
 Nontshoko V
 ANISEW MOLER
 Zephochaya Dlamini
 Lianne ardini
 EMMA WHITELAW
 DONT BE AORF-LING
 Heather Kayton
 Mphahlele
 DEENA DINAT
 Kyala Brady
 LiAM SWANSON
 BUBELE BOOI
 Palesa Phahatale
 ingrid Pienaar
 Mphahlele
 ILRATH
 ALEX
 Ntazimulo
 Irene Pampalis
 Schmidt
 JIMMY ELKEMIN
 JIMMY WALKER
 KAYE
 BEN

FirstRand Laurie Dippenaar Scholarship

- Laurie Dippenaar was one of the founders of FirstRand
- When he retired in 2006, the FirstRand Laurie Dippenaar Scholarship for international postgraduate study was established
 - In terms of the FirstRand employee share trust rules, he forfeited share options which had not yet vested
 - R10 million of unvested shares was invested in an endowment to which Laurie personally contributed a further R1 million
 - The interest earned on the endowment should be able to fund the scholarship for years to come
- The FirstRand Laurie Dippenaar scholarship currently awards two scholarships worth up to R1,500,000 for a Masters degree and up to R2,000,000 for PhD studies at any University overseas and in any field of study.

FirstRand Empowerment Foundation Scholarships

In 2016 the FirstRand Foundation resolved to provide additional scholarships in the spirit of the FirstRand Laurie Dippenaar scholarship and the FirstRand Foundation Scholarships for international postgraduate study were created.

In 2023, a decision was taken to move the scholarships from the FirstRand Foundation to the FirstRand Empowerment Foundation from 2024.

The FirstRand Empowerment Foundation's mandate is to reduce poverty and inequality by undertaking and/or supporting public benefit activities that result in B-BBEE. The Quality Education strategic pillar aims to provide access to further learning opportunities (including the provision of domestic bursaries, international scholarships, and fellowships).

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Scholarship Overview

FirstRand Laurie Dippenaar scholarship for international postgraduate study – Worth up to R1,500,000 for a Masters degree and up to R2,000,000 for a PhD

- Two scholarships available

FirstRand Empowerment Foundation scholarship for international postgraduate study – Worth up to R1,500,000 for a Masters degree and up to R2,000,000 for a PhD

- Three scholarships available

FirstRand Oxford African Studies scholarship for a master's degree in African Studies at the Oxford School of Global and Area Studies

- One full scholarship awarded

FirstRand Oxford Blavatnik School of Government Scholarship for a Masters in Public Policy** at the University of Oxford

- One full scholarship awarded

FirstRand Oxford Smith School Scholarship for a MSc in Sustainability, Enterprise, and the Environment** at the University of Oxford

- One full scholarship awarded

FirstRand IHE Delft Scholarship for a Masters degree in Water and Sustainable Development at IHE Delft Institute for Water Education

- One full scholarship awarded

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

KUMALO
 TSHEPHISO SOMO
 Nontshetso V
 DCEENA DINAT
 MATHA
 Dlamini
 Irene Pampalis
 AMISREW MOLER
 Zaphochoya Dlamini
 Tiyani Mapho
 KYALA BRADY
 LIAM SWANSON
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 EMMA WHITELAW
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 ILRATH
 JIMMY WASSAS
 ALEX
 Ntazimulo
 M. Schmidt
 Jorich Kubier
 Muz 13
 Muz 13
 Rocco
 Kay 1/2
 Ben 2/2
 Ben 2/2

FirstRand Laurie Dippenaar and FirstRand Empowerment Foundation Scholarships

- Available to South African citizens for postgraduate study at an international university of their choice
- **Criteria:**
 - Academic excellence
 - As schools are not all equal, it is anticipated that some students may struggle in their first year of university
 - There should, however, be an improvement in academic results afterwards
 - By the final or honours years, good or excellent academic results are expected
 - Leadership qualities – applicants are expected to meaningfully contribute to South Africa when they return from their studies; do they have what it takes to implement what they dream of?
 - Community involvement – applicants should have interests beyond themselves and should be able to explain what their proposed studies would mean to communities they hope to impact
 - Ability to be destiny changer – **looking for exceptional South Africans who will come back to SA after their studies and make a difference in the country**



FirstRand Oxford African Studies Scholarship for a Master's in African Studies

- Collaboration between the FirstRand Empowerment Foundation, the Oxford School of Global and Area Studies and Wadham College at Oxford University
- This is the second five-year partnership with the Oxford School of Global and Area Studies and Wadham College
- Funded 50% by Oxford School of Global and Area Studies and 50% by the FirstRand Empowerment Foundation for a full scholarship
- The FirstRand Empowerment Foundation, will at its discretion, assist with visa, travel and medical expenses
- The scholarship is for a South African citizen to study a master's degree in African Studies at the School of Global and Area Studies at the University of Oxford
- The successful candidate will be housed at Wadham College
- **Before applying for this scholarship, a course application to the African Studies Centre at the University of Oxford should be submitted. The closing date for applications to the University of Oxford is Friday 12pm UK time, 28 January 2025**

Wadham College



FirstRand Oxford Smith School Scholarship for a MSc in Sustainability, Enterprise and the Environment

Collaboration between the FirstRand Empowerment Foundation, the Smith School and Wadham College at the University of Oxford

- Funded 50% by the Smith School and 50% by the FirstRand Foundation for a full scholarship
- The FirstRand Empowerment Foundation, will at its discretion, assist with visa, travel and medical expenses
- The scholarship is for a South African citizen to study a MSc degree in Sustainability, Enterprise and the Environment (MSc SEE) at the Smith School at the University of Oxford
- The successful candidate will be housed at Wadham College
- **Before applying for this scholarship, a course application to the Smith School for a MSc SEE at the University of Oxford should be submitted. The closing date for applications to the University of Oxford is Friday 12pm UK time, 28 January 2025**
- <https://www.smithschool.ox.ac.uk/course/msc-sustainability-enterprise-and-environment>

FirstRand Oxford Smith School Scholarship for a MSc in Sustainability, Enterprise and the Environment (continued)

- *“The MSc in Sustainability, Enterprise and the Environment addresses two pervasive and unmet challenges of our time: making the transition to a zero-carbon and environmentally sustainable economic model, whilst simultaneously enabling sustainable development for everyone, poor and rich alike. The course views these challenges through the lenses of finance, economics and enterprise – both public and private – whilst also leveraging environmental and complexity sciences.”*

~ Smith School at the University of Oxford

- MSc SEE and South Africa:
“South Africa is particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change – effects which are already being felt. Solving these ‘wicked problems’ requires not just theoretical knowledge and applied skills, but also leadership. MSc SEE equips students with all three – and does so with a strong sense of intellectual curiosity, inquisitiveness, justness, empathy and humility toward understanding and solving the unique challenges facing countries like South Africa.”

~ Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment

FirstRand Oxford Blavatnik School of Government Scholarship for a Master's in Public Policy

- Collaboration between the FirstRand Empowerment Foundation, the Blavatnik School of Government and Wadham College at Oxford University
 - Funded 50% by the Blavatnik School of Government and 50% by the FirstRand Empowerment Foundation for a full scholarship
 - The FirstRand Empowerment Foundation, will at its discretion, assist with visa, travel and medical expenses
 - The scholarship is for a South African citizen to study a master's degree in public policy at the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford
 - The successful candidate will be housed at Wadham College
 - **Before applying for this scholarship, a course application to the Blavatnik School of Government for a Master's in Public Policy at the University of Oxford should be submitted**
 - The closing date for applications to the University of Oxford is Friday 12pm UK time, **9 January 2025**
 - <https://www.bsg.ox.ac.uk/study/mpp/how-apply-mpp>

FirstRand IHE Delft Scholarship for a Master's degree in Water and Sustainable Development

- Collaboration between the FirstRand Empowerment Foundation and IHE Delft Institute for Water Education
- Funded 70% by the FirstRand Empowerment Foundation and 30% by IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, for a full scholarship
- The scholarship is for a South African citizen to study a one-year master's (68 ECTS) in sustainable development at IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, Delft, the Netherlands
- **Before applying for this scholarship, a course application for the one-year master's degree in Water and Sustainable Development at IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, Delft, the Netherlands should be submitted**
- The closing date for applications for this MSc at IHE Delft is **20 February 2025**
- MSc Programmes | IHE Delft Institute for Water Education (un-ihe.org)
- Home – Apply IHE Delft (un-ihe.org)

MSc in Water and Sustainable Development

- Accredited MSc programme for students and early career water professionals/researchers
- Personalised curricula
- Interdisciplinary and 100% international
- Active coaching

Scholarships
available for
2025!

Applications
open in
November

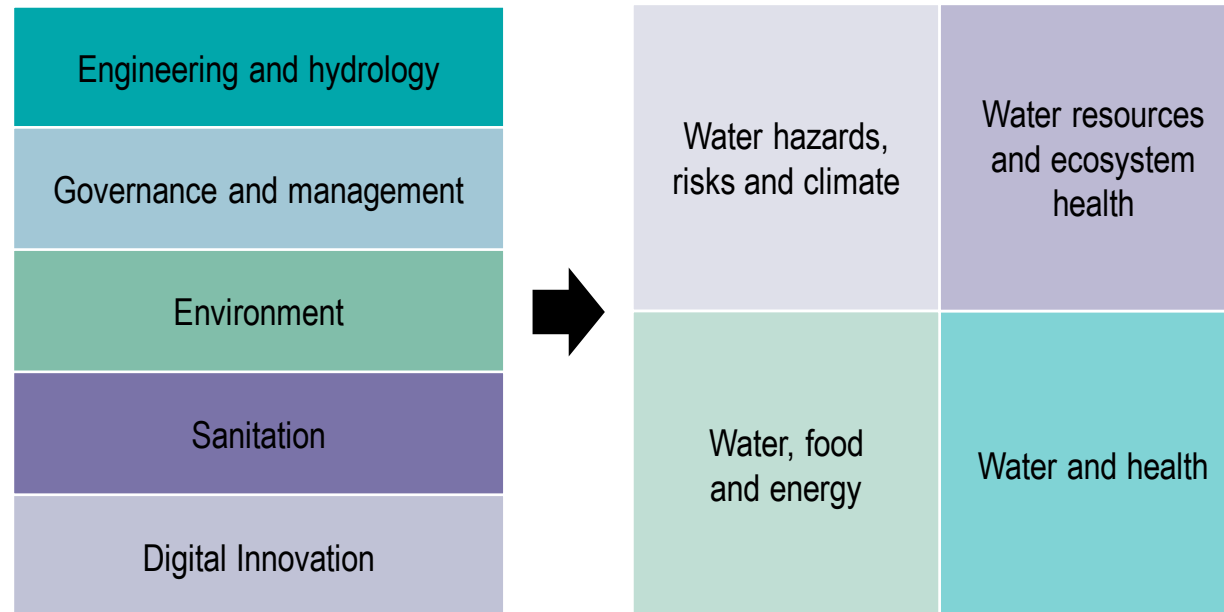


- One year (68EC) programme
- Starting yearly in October

MSc in Water and Sustainable Development

Students are admitted based on their preference for:

- **disciplinary profile;** and
- **thematic track**



Awards to date

2006	2018	2017	2023
<p>FirstRand Laurie Dippenaar, FirstRand Foundation, FirstRand Empowerment Foundation Scholarship and other bursaries</p>	<p>FirstRand FNB Fund scholarship for International Postgraduate study in Education and FirstRand FNB Fund Oxford Education Scholarship</p>	<p>FirstRand Oxford African Studies scholarship for a master's degree at the African Studies Centre and Wadham College at Oxford University</p>	<p>FirstRand IHE Delft Scholarship for a Master's degree in Water and Sustainable Development</p>
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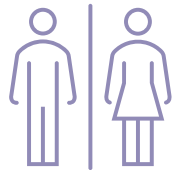
Facts and Figures



97 Scholarships awarded to date



The Scholarship Programme started in **2006**



51% Males

49% Females



1. UCT

2. UP

3. Wits

4. Stellenbosch



63% Humanities, Arts, Law

37% Sciences (Medicine, Engineering, etc.)



1. Oxford

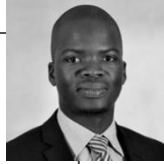
2. Cambridge

3. University College London (UCL)

Alumni Stories

2013 Momentum Dippenaar Scholarship

Mluleki Shongwe



- LLM in Finance and Law, Duisenberg School of Finance
- Governor's Award at the South African Reserve Bank for his contributions to the launch of the Covid-19 Loan Guarantee Scheme
- 2024 Yale Emerging Climate Leaders Fellow

2017 FirstRand Foundation Scholarship

Farai Ntuli



- Masters in the Political Economy of Emerging Markets at Kings College London
- 2019 Dalai Lama Fellow
- Top 100 Influential South Africans in 2020
- 2021 Recipient of the Stellenbosch University Exceptional Alumni award

2021 FirstRand Foundation Scholarship

Cheriese Dilrajh



- MA in Art and Politics, Goldsmiths University of London
- Exhibited her work at FNB Art Joburg in September 2024
- She is currently represented by Suburbia Contemporary in Spain

2018 FirstRand Foundation Scholarship

Bubele Boo



- Masters in Music Technology, New York University
- In 2019, Bubele produced a song on Beyonce's Lion King Album

2020 FirstRand Foundation Scholarship

Gugulethu Khumalo



- PhD in Plan Biochemistry, Griffith University
- Awarded the prestigious Newton International Fellowship by the Royal Society
- Other winners include Sir Isaac Newton, Stephen Hawking and Prof Zblon Vilakazi

2019 FirstRand Laurie Dippenaar Scholarship

Lonwabo Mgoduso



- M Phil in Engineering for Sustainable Development
- Currently employed at FirstRand Group Treasury as a Structurer
- Supports the Share Prosperity Enablement withing the Group

General Scholarship Criteria

- SA citizenship required
- Excellence is a key criteria in the selection of candidates across all scholarships
- Successful candidates will have excelled academically in their chosen field
- Demonstrated leadership qualities
- Strength of character
- Community-orientated initiatives
- Potential to be a destiny changer in his or her chosen field
- Candidates who are currently, or have been studying overseas for degree purposes, will not be considered for this scholarship
- Successful candidates have to return to South Africa for at least five years after completing their studies

Process

- Application forms will be available at <https://bursaries.firstrand.co.za/> from **1 November 2024** and will close on **20 February 2025**
- Applicants are evaluated by panel comprised of senior executives from across the FirstRand group, alumni of the scholarship, and an independent academic from one of SA's top universities
- Each application is reviewed by at least three panelists
- A preliminary 'long list' of around 45 applications are selected to be interviewed either in person or per telephone by a team from FirstRand and independent academics
- **Scholars need to have applied for and be accepted to their university of choice by beginning April**
- Specialists are asked for their opinion if necessary
- Final shortlist of around 18 candidates for the FirstRand Laurie Dippenaar and FirstRand Empowerment Foundation Scholarships and the three University of Oxford and the IHE Delft scholarships are selected and invited to Sandton for the final interviews in two groups – selection panel includes:
 - Members of the Dippenaar family
 - CEO and chairman of FirstRand
 - Chair and a trustee of the FirstRand Empowerment Foundation
 - Board member of FirstRand
- Final announcement will be made before the end of May

Class of 2024



Johan Koen

Clinical Fellowship in Adult
Cardiovascular Surgery,
University of Toronto



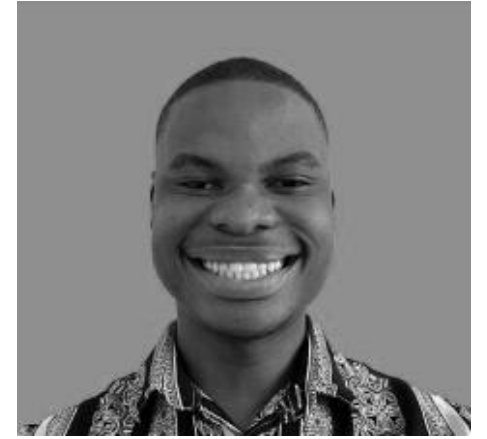
Zidaan Habib

Masters in Signal Processing at
the University of Edinburgh



Yusuf Thomas

MA Creative and Cultural
Entrepreneurship, Goldsmiths
University of London



Lindokuhle Hadebe

Master of Laws, London School
of Economics and Political
Science



Sachin Naidoo

M Sc in Artificial Intelligence for
Biomedicine and Healthcare,
University College of London



Zamafuze Ngcobo

M Sc in Water and Sustainable
Development, IHE Delft

Get In Touch

- For any additional information: firststrandpgscholarship@firststrand.co.za
- To access the FirstRand website and application forms: <https://bursaries.firststrand.co.za/>
- For additional insights and behind-the-scenes information on the scholarships on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu-USvinwYHr8esaYiibo1w>
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Thank
you!

