



WindAc Africa Student Sponsorship

Dear student,

Thank you for your interest in the WindAc Africa conference. Please find below some information on our student sponsorship programme and guidance on how to apply. We are looking forward to your submission.

General Information

Following a successful 2nd annual WindAc Africa conference, we will again offer a sponsored opportunity to attend, for young achievers from South African universities.

Purpose of the sponsored programme

Whilst the primary purpose of the sponsored programme is to bring superior wind research knowledge to South African students, the intention is also to reward selected students for their excellent work, motivate and inspire them to pursue their academic path in the energy sector, and offer them the opportunity to network with their peers: the future leading experts in wind energy in South Africa. Last year, 50 students from 17 South African universities and 9 different academic backgrounds were selected for participation in the programme.

What the programme includes

The sponsorship programme will entail a student "Impact Talk" workshop taking place at the South African Renewable and Technology Centre (SARETEC), includes a pre-event networking evening and complimentary access to the 2-day WindAc Africa conference. We further support sponsored students who do not reside in the greater Cape Town area, with covering direct travel costs.

The sponsorship programme also includes a mentoring option which aims to facilitate relationships between sponsored students from South African universities and professionals currently working within the energy sector. The 10 month-short-term mentoring programme proactively addresses gender issues in the sector by giving both female and male students access to inspiring female mentors. Cross-gender matching is pursued as an approach to also sensitise the next generation of male business leaders in respect of challenges faced by women in the energy sector. This approach is also intended to ensure that when sponsored students enter the professional sphere, they will more consciously promote gender inclusivity and advocate for changing workplace culture.

Who may apply?

Students of any age, gender, race, field of studies and degree enrolled at a South African university. It is a prerequisite that the applicant has previously checked his/her eligibility for student travel aid and/or conference support with the financial aid office of the respective university.



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Your contribution to WindAc

All sponsored students are expected to participate in the conference. You can either contribute by presenting a scientific poster at the conference or by supporting the organising WindAc team during and after the conference with assigned tasks. We furthermore ask for each student's written feedback (100 words) after the conference, which we will use for the improvement of the programme, for the documentation of the students' experience to our sponsors as well as for marketing purposes.

How to apply?

Please submit your sponsorship application with the following attachments to Matshidiso matshidiso@sawea.org.za before **August 30**:

- 1) WindAc sponsorship application form (filled-out)
- 2) Terms and conditions of sponsorship (signed)
- 3) Curriculum Vitae
- 4) Copy of ID
- 5) Academic record of the last term
- 6) Degree obtained, if any
- 7) Evidence of bursary, if any