

Report to ASSA from the Scholarships Committee

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Scholarships Overview

ASSA currently administers two scholarships:

- ASSA Scholarship – for studies in astronomy, 2nd to 4th year; and
- Cooke Scholarship – for studies in astronomy from 2nd year on.

Both scholarships are currently worth R25,000.

2025 Awards

Eight eligible applications for scholarships were received in 2025. Only one was considered worthy of support. Unfortunately the Scholarship payment could not be transferred in time for him to register at the University, and so will be held over to 2026, should the candidate still be eligible then.

The Committee will pursue more targeted advertising in future, in order to attract applicants of a higher academic standard.

2024 Awardees

Isabella Goodwin (ASSA Scholarship) obtained first-class passes in two 2nd-year Astronomy courses.

Liam Harris (Cooke Scholarship) was awarded his BSc degree in Astronomy and Astrophysics, with first-class passes in all seven of his courses.

Scholarships Committee

The current committee comprises:

- Claire Flanagan (Convener)
- Sivuyile Manxoyi (SAAO)
- Ian Glass
- Maciej Soltynski
- Analize Jooste

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