

Report to ASSA from the Scholarships Committee

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ASSA administers two scholarships:

ASSA Scholarship – one available, for BSc 2nd year to BSc(Hons); currently R19,000;

HartRAO-ASSA Scholarships – three available, for BSc (any year); currently R16,000.

2017 Awards

The 2017 application process was slightly streamlined by requiring one application for either (or both) of the scholarships. Of the nineteen applications received, four were immediately rejected (generally due to insufficient or out-of-date supporting documents).

As was done in 2016, one of the HartRAO-ASSA Scholarships was split between two awardees, due to one of the two, studying part-time, not utilizing the full amount. The final awards for 2017 are:

Scholarship	Awardee
ASSA	Luca Sella-Rolando 2 nd year UCT student studying astronomy, mathematics and physics
ASSA-HartRAO (partial)	Francois Botha 2014, 2016 awardee, expects to complete a BSc in astronomy, mathematics and physics at UNISA this year
ASSA-HartRAO	Jeremy Smith 2015, 2016 awardee 4 th year BSc (Engineering) at UCT
ASSA-HartRAO	Mvelo Dhlamini 2016 awardee 2 nd year BSc student at Wits
ASSA-HartRAO (partial)	Sumari Hattingh final year BSc student at NWU (Potchefstroom)

Thanks again to HartRAO for their continued support. HartRAO has indicated it will fund three HartRAO-ASSA Scholarships in 2018.

News from 2016 Awardees

Brandon du Preez, 2015 - 2016 ASSA Scholarship holder, obtained his BSc from UCT with distinction last year, including 94% for Mathematics.

Verlon Etsebeth (2015 – 2016 HartRAO-ASSA Scholarship holder) passed his final three Physics modules at UNISA with distinction, and has completed his BSc degree.

Scholarships Committee

Andrew Gray has retired from the committee.

The current committee comprises:

- Claire Flanagan (Convenor)
- Marion West (HartRAO)
- Sivuyile Manxoyi (SAAO)
- Ian Glass
- Maciej Soltynski

We are currently looking for an additional member.

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