



Cooke Scholarship information for 2018

The purpose of the Cooke Scholarship is to encourage the study of astronomy. The Scholarship is available in support of 2nd and 3rd year undergraduate, and postgraduate, studies in astronomy, at any Southern African university, including those which offer astronomy courses to part-time students in distance-learning mode.

Criteria are a demonstrated interest in astronomy and a good academic record. Preference will be given to previous holders of the Scholarship who have made good progress in their studies. Preference will also be given to applicants who are not in receipt of other scholarships or similar funding. The scholarship will contribute towards academic fees and the cost of prescribed books, and is valid for one year. Payment of academic fees will be made directly to the university concerned. The scholarship shall be awarded based on an evaluation of the applications and the recommendations of the relevant university department. Applicants may be required to be interviewed at an ASSA Centre convenient to them.

Applications must be submitted to the below no later than 2 February 2018. There is no standard application form, and **only** the following items **must** be submitted (incomplete applications will not be considered). The filename of each document sent by e-mail as an attachment **must start** with the applicant's surname.

- A covering letter, outlining your career plans and explaining your interest in astronomy.
- Curriculum vitae.
- A statement of your intended course of study (full details of subjects and modules, and their costs) for 2018.
- A statement that you either have no other bursary or scholarship, or where you do have a scholarship or bursary, the amount, source and conditions.
- A copy of your final **official** results from your previous year of study (this will be 2017, unless there are unusual circumstances).
- A recent letter of support from a lecturer.
- Additional recent letter(s) of support, if relevant.
- Full contact details, including e-mail, residential and postal addresses, and phone numbers.

Applications and queries may be submitted:

- by e-mail (**preferred**) to scholarships@assa.sao.ac.za, or
- in writing to: ASSA Scholarships, c/o PO Box 9, Observatory, 7935.

Applications should reach us by 2 February 2018.