

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 R20,000.

Due to the current poor performance of invested funds, the 2021 scholarships are suspended.

2020 Awards

Four eligible applications for scholarships were received in 2020; none of these were previous holders, and all were worth of consideration.

The two scholarships were awarded to Physics / Astrophysics students currently in their third year of studies at Wits University. Both are executive members of the Wits Astronomy Club.

The ASSA Scholarship was awarded to Tessa Collins, who is also an active member of ASSA-Jhb.

The Cooke Scholarship was awarded to Anza-Tshilidzi Mulaudzi.

News from 2019 Awardees

ASSA Scholarship holder Vineshree Pillay was awarded a BSc degree by UCT, and is currently pursuing Hons studies in Physics (Astronomy).

Cooke Scholarship holder Clinton Stevens was awarded a BSc (Physics) degree by UNW, obtaining distinctions in eight out of eight of his final year modules. He is currently pursuing a BSc (Hons) degree at NWU, as part of the National Astrophysics and Space Science Programme (NASSP).

Scholarships Committee

The current committee comprises:

- Claire Flanagan (Convener)
- Vanessa McBride (OAD and SAAO)
- Sivuyile Manxoyi (SAAO)
- Ian Glass
- Maciej Soltynski

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