

CALL FOR LOCAL BURSARY APPLICATIONS – 2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

The NAC Strategy purports capacity building as an essential element for developing the arts to ensure excellence. Bursary funding aims to provide support funding for aspirational arts practitioners in the fulfilment of relevant arts qualifications and for the acquisition of arts related knowledge and skills base. The funding of bursaries is an essential element for developing the arts to ensure excellence. Through support for the provision of training and education, the NAC offers grants for bursaries and residency programs to help grow talent of students, art practitioners and other industry related professionals, art technicians and arts administrators. This ensures that South Africa has a sustainable pool of talented artists and leaders.

The National Arts Council is pleased to announce the call for bursary applications for the academic year which begins in January 2020. The invitation is for post-graduate students and registered education and training institutions that are involved in studies or provision of tuition in the fields of theatre, dance, crafts, literature, multidiscipline, music, visual arts, cultural policy, arts and culture management as well as any arts related course. This invitation also extends to students applying for Bachelor of Technology degree in the arts. Applications for fashion design must have a cultural element as part of the studies. Particular attention will be paid to post-graduate qualifications that address rare skills required in the arts sector.

The invitation extends to:

- (a) Individual post-graduate studies (both part-time and full-time studies) for the year 2020. Post-graduate students whose degree require two to three years of study (MA and PhD) who were granted a bursary during 2019 should not reapply for funding. The grant will be renewed for the duration of studies, subject to successful completion of each year of study.
- (b) Block institutional bursaries for undergraduate students who will be studying in South Africa during 2020. Institutions that apply for funding are required to support undergraduate students for the duration of their undergraduate studies, subject to successful completion of each year of study. Institutions should be prepared to enter into a service level agreement with the NAC in the fulfilment of this requirement.

- **Closing date for applications:** **12 September 2019 at 17h00**
- **Outcomes:** **13 December 2019**

Please note that late and incomplete applications will not be considered and no exceptions will be made. Applicants need to register and complete the online application form using the following link: <https://nac.praxisgms.co.za/>

For more information, please contact Arts Development Officers as listed on the NAC website.

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