



Full-time Bursaries: 2026

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment is inviting full-time students to apply for bursaries, to be awarded in the 2026 academic year, in the following fields of study:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES (Ref: EP/01/2026)	FORESTRY MANAGEMENT (Ref: FOR/01/2026)
BSc Degree/ Hons/ MSc/ PhD in Environmental Management/Science BSc Conservation Ecology/Biodiversity/ Biology BSc Marine Biology B Degree/Hons/ MSc Engineering Management / Civil Engineering B Sc/ Hons Geographical information System MSc Ecological Economics Postgraduate Diploma/ Masters in Sustainability Learning ND/Degree/Hons/MA/PhD Project Management ND/Degree/Hons Resource Economics/Social Innovation	B Sc Hon Natural Resource Management ND/Degree/Hons/MSc/PHD in Forest Science / Forestry ND/Degree/Hons/MSc/PHD in Forest Management Post Graduate Diploma in Forestry / Forest Science B Agric Hons B Agric Hons in Rural Development Planning B. Sc Forestry BSc Hons in Wildlife Management MSc in Conservation Ecology
CHEMICALS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT (Ref: CWM/01/2026)	FISHERIES MANAGEMENT (Ref: FISH/01/2026)
ND/ B Tech/ M Tech/ D Tech (Environmental Science/ Environmental Management/ Environmental Health/ Environmental law/ Environmental education) ND/ B Tech/ M Tech/ D Tech Waste Management BA Degree/Hons/MA Geography MSc in Environmental Pollution / Ecotoxicology/ Remediation studies ND/BA Degree/Hons/MA Chemical Engineering, Biochemistry and Biotechnology MSc in Exposure Science (specialising in environmental science) ND/Degree/Hons/MA Civil Engineering ND/Degree/BSc Hons/Masters in Geohydrology MSc/MTech Biochemistry / Microbiology BCom/ Postgraduate Diploma/ Data science ND/ B Degree Risk Management	Maritime Studies (related to harbour/ports – fishing harbours) /Maritime law MSc Aquaculture BSc/Hons/MSc/PhD Oceanography, Marine Biology, Ichthyology, Environmental Science, Aquaculture and Fisheries B Sc Marine / Fisheries Biology Hons/MSc/PhD Zoology (freshwater ecology or specialising in the field of freshwater fisheries) Bachelor's degree, Post graduate studies, B Tech, BSc Hons, MSc, PhD, (Marine biology, Aquaculture, Environmental Science/management, Fisheries Science, Aquatic Science, or a related field) Actuarial Science MSc Applied Mathematics/ Statistics with population dynamics modelling BTech, Beng Tech or BSc Eng in Electrical or Mechanical Engineering Master's in international marine and environmental law/ policy/ governance/ Multilateral negotiations BSc/MSc in GIS and Remote Sensing / Environmental Informatics Postgraduate Diploma/ MSc in Climate Change and Sustainable Development Post graduate Diploma in Accounting Science/MPhil Development Finance Hons/Masters Economics, Agriculture Economics, Fisheries Economics
OCEANS AND COASTS (Ref: OC/01/2026)	BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION (Ref: B&C/01/2026)
BSc in Coastal and marine engineering – coastal erosion, rehabilitation and restoration Master's/ PhD degree in town and regional planning, Architecture, Urban Design and surveying Masters/ PhD degree in climate change, adaptation, mitigation, policy and sustainability Advanced diploma/ B Tech mechanical/ B Tech/BSc/ MTech/ Meng Engineering BSc Hons / MSc / PhD Physical Oceanography BSc Hons / MSc/ PhD in Marine Spatial Planning B Degree/ Hons/ master's in economics / environmental economics / Maritime Economics BSc Hons/ MSc/ PhD Marine Biodiversity & Taxonomy (systematics) BSc Hons /MSc/ PhD Marine Biology BSc Hons/ MSc Biochemistry or Genetics	ND/Degree Environmental Management / B Environmental Science Degree/ Biological science B Sc Natural Sciences Management, Geography and Hydrology ND/ Degree Eco tourism and game range management ND/ BA Degree Environmental economics ND / BTech / Post Graduate Diploma, Nature Conservation B Degree in Ecological Engineering Sciences B Degree in Resource Economics N Dip/BTech Nature conservation BSc Zoology and Botany Environmental legislation/ Law - BSc Environmental Management/ legislation/ Law Geology - BSc Geology ND/ BSc Environmental Resource Management, Hydrology and Water Resources Management
CLIMATE AND CHANGE AND AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT (Ref: CCAQ/01/2026)	REGULATORY COMPLIANCE SECTOR MONITORING (Ref: RCSM/01/2026)
ND / B Sc Environmental Science ND/B Sc Environmental Management B Degree Earth and Environmental Sciences B Degree Natural Science B Sc Chemistry B Sc Geography / Archaeology and Environmental ND/ B Degree in Sustainable Development	LLB (Major courses: administrative law, legislative drafting, Environmental Law) LLM B.A Law, A Diploma, or a Degree in Paralegal Bachelor of Environmental Sciences/Management BSC majoring in Geography, Geoinformatics Bachelor of Environmental Management majoring in Environmental Impact Assessment

The minimum requirements to apply for the bursary is Grade 12(Matric). Consideration will be given to previously disadvantaged and **people with disabilities who are South African citizen**. The maximum amount of the bursary is **R50 000.00**.

NOTE: This advert only applies to fulltime students enrolled with the institution of higher learning or currently doing Grade 12(Matric) and not employed. Please indicate clearly on the application form the reference number and the study field. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Correspondence will be limited to successful applicants only. If you have not been contacted by end of January 2026, please accept that your application was unsuccessful. Successful applicants will be expected to sign a bursary contract. No faxed or emailed applications will be accepted. The prescribed bursary application form is obtainable from www.dffe.gov.za.

Students who have previously participated in the public service internship program are ineligible for consideration. Upon completion of your studies, participation in the internship program is

mandatory as part of the bursary contract agreement. It is important to note that regulations prohibit participation in the internship program more than once.

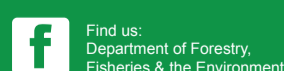
All applications should be accompanied by the following documents:

- Motivation as to why the bursary should be awarded to you
- Copies of qualifications and recent academic records
- Copies of Identity Document (Applicant and both parents or guardian)
- Proof of registration (if already enrolled with the institution of higher learning)
- Latest Grade 12 results (if currently in High School)
- Proof of parents or guardian's income
- Proof if parents are deceased
- Affidavit if parents are not working

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