



WindAc Africa Student Sponsorship

Dear student,

Thank you for your interest in the WindAc Africa conference. Please find below some information on our student sponsorship programme and guidance on how to apply for sponsorship. We are looking forward to your submission!

General Information

Following a successful start last year, WindAc Africa will again offer a special programme for high potential young people from South Africa at this year's conference. Last year, 30 students from 11 South African universities and 6 different study backgrounds participated in the programme.

Purpose of the programme

Whilst the primary purpose of this programme is to bring superior wind research knowledge to South African students, the intention is also to reward the students for their excellent work, motivate and inspire them to pursue their academic path in the energy sector, and offer them the opportunity to network with their peers: the future leading experts in wind energy in South Africa.

What the programme includes

The sponsorship programme will entail a workshop taking place at the South African Renewable and Technology Centre (SARETEC), includes a pre-event networking evening and complimentary access to the 2-day WindAc Africa conference. We further intend to support our sponsored students, who do not reside in the greater Cape Town area, with complimentary travel.

Through the sponsorship programme, SAWEA also introduces the mentoring option which aims to facilitate relationships between our sponsored students from South African universities and professionals currently working within the energy sector. The 10 month-short-term mentoring proactively addresses gender issues in the sector by giving both female and male students access to inspiring female mentors. Cross-gender matching will be pursued as an approach to sensitise the next generation of male business leaders in respect of challenges faced by women in the energy sector. Our pursuit aims to ensure that when all sponsored students enter the workplace, they will promote gender inclusivity and contribute towards positively contributing in changing workplace culture.

Who may apply?

Students of any age, gender, race, field of studies and degree enrolled at a South African university. It is a prerequisite that the applicant has previously checked his/her eligibility for student travel aid and/or conference support with the financial aid office of the respective university.



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The programme

The student workshop (Mon 13. November)

We appreciate the support of the [South African Renewable Energy Technology Centre](#) (SARETEC), which will kindly host the WindAc student sponsorship workshop on Monday, 13th of November.

Please find below the DRAFT programme:

13h	EnergyDRIVE presentation on Renewable Energies
14h	Guided tour at SARETEC
15h	Coffee/tea break
15.30h	The logic of scientific discovery according to K. Popper
16.00h	Women in Science, Business and the World Dr Karen Surridge-Talbott
16.30h	Coffee/tea break
17.00h	Jobs in the renewable space in RSA/Green Jobs
18.00h	Networking cocktail event

The WindAc Africa conference (Tue 14/Wed 15 November)

WindAc Africa is the continent's premier academic conference focussing on wind power. In its second year it will take place at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa on 14/15 November 2017.

WindAc Africa was conceived as a sister conference to the well-established annual wind energy conference Windaba. Both conferences are proudly hosted by the South African Wind Energy Association (SAWEA) in collaboration with the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC). WindAc offers academics, applied researchers and students a unique forum for knowledge sharing within the sector.

An impressive line-up of 35 speakers has made themselves available for this year's event with the theme of "Wind Power Without Borders".

This year's conference is offering more than 14 hours of high-quality academic discussion along the entire wind-value chain! You can view our full draft programme online at www.windac-africa.com.



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Your contribution to WindAc

All sponsored students are expected to participate in the conference! You can either contribute by giving a presentation, presenting a scientific poster at the conference or by supporting the organising WindAc team during and after the conference with assigned tasks.

We furthermore ask for each student's written feedback (100 words) after the conference, which we will use for the improvement of the programme, for the documentation of the students' experience to our sponsors as well as for marketing purposes.

How to apply?

Please submit your sponsorship application with the following attachments to Matshidiso matshidiso@sawea.org.za before August 20th:

- 1) WindAc sponsorship application form (filled-out)
- 2) Terms and conditions of sponsorship (signed)
- 3) Curriculum Vitae
- 4) Copy of ID
- 5) Academic record of the last term
- 6) Degree obtained, if any
- 7) Evidence of bursary, if any