

CSIR DSI Interbursary Support Programme (IBS) FAQ's

1. What does being placed on the waiting list mean, was my application successful or unsuccessful?

- Being placed on the waiting list, means that your application details will be kept on a database for consideration when a funding opportunity arises.

2. Which areas does the bursary fund?

- Please refer to the list of the funded thematic areas on the link:

https://www.csir.co.za/sites/default/files/Documents/DSI%20CSIR%20InterBursary%20Support%20Programme%20-%20Eligibility%20Guidelines_%20Final.pdf

3. What is the minimum academic requirement for the IBS bursary?

A student must obtain:

- A minimum average of 65% for major subjects in the final undergraduate year of study for honours funding;
- A minimum average of 65% at the honours level or final year of a four year degree for master's funding; and
- A minimum of 65% at the master's level for doctoral funding.

4. Can I still apply if I am an international student?

- Yes, the bursary does fund international students you will need to submit proof of a permanent residency and a passport.

5. Can I still apply if I am employed?

- The bursary only supports fulltime registered students who are unemployed.

6. What is the age restriction on the CSIR bursary programme

- An applicant should not be older than 35.

Study Level	Honours	Masters	Doctoral
Maximum age at application	28 years	30 years	32 years

7. Will late applications be considered?

- We do not consider any late applications.

8. Does the bursary fund short courses or students studying part time?

- No, the bursary does not fund short courses or part time studies. Only full-time registered students are funded.

9. What is the status of my application?

- You can check the status of your application on <https://www.csir.auraams.app> by putting your application ID sent to you on email and ID Number.

10. How are the Bursary payments made?

- The full bursary amount will be deposited to the student's university account to cover registration and tuition fees, the balance will be allocated on a monthly or quarterly basis by the university to the student.
- On receipt of a signed bursary contract and proof of registration, payment to the University is then processed.

11. Why is my application unsuccessful?

- You did not meet the CSIR DSI Interbursary Support Programme eligibility criteria.
- There is a limited number of bursary positions available.
- Incomplete application e.g. research details not submitted and no supporting documents uploaded.
- Misalignment to the funded thematic areas.

12. Can I hold 2 sponsors simultaneously?

- You are not prohibited to receive additional funding from any source provided it is **NOT** funding from any government department/agency (e.g. NRF, CSIR Studentship, CSIR Bursary, CAIR Bursary, TiCoc, SETA's and Ledger Bursary). **The CSIR must be informed in writing of any additional funding that you may receive from any private company/institution. Please note that the additional funding should not be more than 50% of the CSIR value.**

13. I do not have a research topic yet, can I still apply?

- It is compulsory for Masters and Doctoral students to submit their research proposal as this is crucial in terms of determining whether students research work is aligned to one of the funded thematic areas on the programme.

14. I do not have a supervisor as yet, can I still apply?

- It is the responsibility of the student to find a suitable supervisor and ensure that the supervisor supports the application.