

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNERS (ISOCARP)



52nd ISOCARP LEGACY PROJECT

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1. Introduction

The International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) is a global association of experienced professional planners. It was founded in 1965 in a bid to bring together recognised and highly-qualified planners in an international network.

The 52nd ISOCARP International Congress on 'Cities we Have vs. Cities we Need', which was held in Durban on 12-16 September 2016 was considered a great success. As part of its legacy, the Local Organising Committee has set up a Legacy Bursary Committee to provide bursaries for students registered in accredited planning schools in the country.

A portion of the proceeds from the Congress has been made available towards the ISOCARP Legacy bursary programme. In order to achieve maximum impact with the bursary programme, a number of options have been explored.

The following principles/ assumptions have been considered:

- Bursary is available up to three years upon renewal with satisfactory progress.
- Bursary is available for both undergraduate and postgraduate students in accredited planning schools and is open to applicants of all years.
- Bursary to either provide for tuition only or both (in other words on demand).
- Tuition fees to be up to a maximum of R50 000 per student per year.
- Accommodation fees to be up to a maximum of R30 000 per student per year.
- Demonstrated financial need (statement provided).
- Letter of motivation (personal motivation, envisage role in planning, current role in school, etc.).
- Current performance in school (latest results).
- The Committee allocates all the money according to hierarchy of applications.
- Good standing with SACPLAN Registration.

2. Eligibility

In order to be eligible for a bursary, applicants should fulfil the following criteria:

- Be a South African citizen or permanent resident.
- Have proof that they are registered at an accredited planning programme or that they have been accepted to study for an accredited planning programme.

3. Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Proof of financial need/status.
- All applications must be seeking support as from the 2018 calendar year.
- Applications from designated group will be given preference.

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- Proof of registration / acceptance.
- A letter of motivation for doing planning and future goals.

4. Value of the Bursary

The Bursary is for Tuition fees to be up to a maximum of R50 000 per student per year; as well as Accommodation fees to be up to a maximum of R30 000 per student per year.

The maximum value of the Bursary is thus R80 000.00 per year. The final bursary amount that will be allocated per year will be determined by the ISOCARP Legacy Committee based on the application submitted.

5. Conditions for Bursary allocation

The number of bursaries given will depend on the resources available.

The bursary holder is required to provide the SACPLAN with the tuition costs for the year of allocation of the bursary once this information becomes available, where after the final amount will be allocated.

The bursary holder undertakes to complete the qualification within the minimum time to complete the qualification.

The bursary holder shall be required to provide the Chairperson of the ISOCARP Legacy Committee with his / her exam results within a period of 30 (thirty) days from receipt thereof. Failure to submit the exam results will result in the bursary not to be renewed.

The ISOCARP Legacy Committee shall be entitled, should it become apparent that a bursary holder will not be able to complete the qualification within the stipulated period, to terminate the grant of the bursary.

Should a bursary holder fail a subject / course / module and be required to repeat such subject / course / module, he or she shall do so during the following academic year or semester (as the case may be) at his or her own expense.

Should a bursary holder abandon his or her studies the grant of the bursary will be terminated. It shall be assumed, without limiting the generality of the phrase “abandon”, that a bursary holder has abandoned his or her studies if he or she is not actively and diligently pursuing his or her studies by, where applicable, not timeously lodging prescribed assignments, or sitting for examinations or tests or obtaining admission to write examinations or tests.

Should a bursary holder be precluded or prohibited or barred by the university or university of technology authorities from continuing with his or her enrolment at the university or university of technology for reasons attributable to the conduct or activities of the bursary holder, and he or she is consequently not able to continue with his or her studies, the grant of the bursary will similarly be terminated.

The bursary holder hereby authorises the Chairperson of the ISOCARP Legacy Committee SACPLAN to obtain such information as it may require from the university or university of

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technology to enable it to determine whether or not the bursary holder is actively and diligently pursuing his or her studies.

Once a bursary holder has enrolled at a particular university or university of technology, he or she shall not be entitled to terminate his or her registration at that institution and re-register at another university or university of technology without the prior written consent of the Chairperson of the Legacy Committee. Should the Chairperson of the Legacy Committee grant its consent for a bursary holder to change a university or university of technology, it shall be entitled to impose such conditions as it in its sole discretion shall determine.

6. Application for Bursary Support

- The bursary will be advertised in the planning schools offering accredited planning programmes and on the SACPLAN website.
- Application forms will be made available from the SACPLAN website or from the office of the CEO of SACPLAN.
- Screening of applications will be coordinated by ISOCARP Legacy Committee.
- Interviews may be conducted where required by the same committee.
- Award letters will be forwarded to successful candidates who will then be requested to confirm their acceptance of the award in writing.
- Upon acceptance of the award, a contract with the ISOCARP Legacy Committee must be signed by the student.

7. Application Procedures

All application documents must be arranged in order as noted in the checklist below:

- A one-to-two page personal statement.
- A completed ISOCARP Legacy Bursary application form (attached as Annexure A).
- Two letters of recommendation.
- A copy of the letter of acceptance from an accredited planning program.
- A written verification or copy of school's average cost for one academic year of study.
- A resume of work experience and background, if not incorporated into personal statement.
- A transcript of all previous academic results with an official stamp from the relevant institution.

8. Submission of Applications

All applications with supporting documentation must be submitted to:

<p>The Chairperson of the ISOCARP Legacy Committee c/o The South African Council for Planners P.O. Box 1084 Halfway House Midrand 1685</p> <p>or</p> <p>Electronically to: zradebe@sacplan.co.za</p>	<p>By hand:</p> <p>The Chairperson of the ISOCARP Legacy Committee c/o The South African Council for Planners International Business Gateway Office Park, Cnr New Road & 6th Road, Midridge Office Park -Block G. 1st Floor Midrand 1685</p>
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9. Amount allocations

The following table presents the available amounts per year of allocation:

2018	2019	2020	Comment
R250 000	R250 000	R250 000	2-3 bursaries per year. The bursaries are offered to provide the opportunity for students to finish their studies.

10. Submission Date

Bursary applications will be made available to universities during October starting from 2017, with the deadline for the submission of the applications by 15 January 2018 for the 2018 allocation.

The Legacy Committee with endeavour to evaluate and complete the allocation of the bursaries by 10 February 2018.