**Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships (ESKAS)**

The fully funded Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships (ESKAS) are available to South African youth (aged 18–35) for PhD, post-doctoral, and research fellow studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) and other South African universities.

Further details are available from the following link: <https://www.sbfi.admin.ch/sbfi/en/home/education/scholarships-and-grants/swiss-government-excellence-scholarships.html>

The closing date for South Africa is Wednesday, 18 December 2024 @ 16h00 at the Embassy of Switzerland in South Africa (SA) Offices, 225 Veale Street, Parc Nouveau, New Muckleneuk, 0181, South Africa).

Please note that the application process requires the Swiss Host University Supervisor's contact details and a letter of agreement to supervise each Applicant.

For more information, please follow the two social media platforms set up to assist the Applicants during their application journey.

Swiss Scholarships Telegram Group: [https://t.me/+q3Znv8M7Qio4OGZk](https://t.me/%2Bq3Znv8M7Qio4OGZk)

Swiss Scholarships WhatsApp Group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JEJjzK8DEKK7NkiUQhEDsv>

The Science Counselor, Ms. Jacquelene Friedental (pretoria.science@eda.admin.ch and jacquelene.friedenthal@eda.admin.ch), from the Embassy of Switzerland in South Africa (SA) is available online at **18h30 on Thursday, 05 December 2024**, for an Information Session and to assist with linking potential Supervisors to Applicants.

The details for the information session are:

<https://ukzn.zoom.us/j/99667916778?pwd=b2yVQaBnFBdHmHCjx93cf8Gqdw4fwE.1>

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