

# CATSA STUDENT SUMMER SCHOOL GRANT



## Preamble

The purpose of this protocol is to outline the requirements and procedures in order that a student, registered for postgraduate catalysis studies at a South African Higher Education Institution (HEI), may be awarded a travel grant to attend a European Federation of Catalysis Societies (EFCATS) summer school program. The following categories may be applied for:

1. International EFCATS summer school programs.
  - International EFCATS related training programs may be considered by the committee given that the summer school program is not offered in the calendar year of application.

The exact criteria and application procedures are given below.

## 1) INTERNATIONAL EFCATS SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

### AIM AND SCOPE

The purpose of the CATSA summer school grant is to promote the development of young scientists and engineers by supporting students in catalysis to have an authoritative global overview on fundamentals and applications of catalysis. Moreover, in this manner, CATSA aims to actively promote South African catalysis expertise in the international arena.

The grant will assist the student with a fixed amount that may be applied towards the costs of summer school registration, travel and subsistence.

### AWARD VALUES

The monetary value of the individual awards may be adjusted from time to time dependent upon the estimated costs of implementing the aims of the grant. The total grant available as well as the value of the individual awards in any given financial year will be specified in the chairperson's annual budget and ratified by the CATSA committee.

Current values of the award for EFCATS summer school are:

R 7 500.00	in respect of POSTER / ORAL presentations with attendance
R 5 000.00	in respect of attendance only

### CRITERIA FOR AWARD ELIGIBILITY

1. The summer school must be organised by EFCATS. If no summer school is presented by EFCATS during a given calendar year, applications for EFCATS associated catalysis training courses will be considered.
2. The student must be registered for a recognised higher degree (PhD, MSc or equivalent), at any South African HEI, and be working in the field of catalysis.
3. This award will be granted only once in the career of the individual.

4. The application and / or abstract (paper / poster) must have been accepted for presentation by the relevant conference committee.
5. The application/award may not be retrospective.
6. If a presentation (oral / poster) is to be made by the applicant it must substantially represent the applicant's own work.

## **AWARD PROCEDURE AND CONDITIONS**

1. The student makes an application to the chairperson of the CATSA committee with the relevant supporting documentation (summer school details, letter of registration, supervisor's confirmation of applicant's registration and brief description student's current scientific activities, and any other supporting documentation which may be requested from time to time).
2. A selection committee, comprising a quorum of no less than three members of the CATSA committee and chaired by the CATSA committee chairperson will consider the applications. In order to avoid a conflict of interest, members of this selection committee (including the CATSA committee chairperson) should not be supervisors / mentors / work colleagues of any of the applicants. As such the CATSA committee chairperson should appoint the appropriate impartial selection committee members, and if a personal conflict of interest arises, divorce himself / herself from the proceedings by appointing a CATSA committee member to chair the selection committee. The decision of the selection committee is final.
3. All applications meeting the set criteria will be eligible for the travel grant subject to the condition that sufficient funds are available in the grant. Preference will be given to PhD students, thereafter in the case of insufficient funds being available to meet the eligible applications, awards will be granted on the basis of a draw system, i.e. "out of a hat".
4. Applications will be considered four times annually. Deadlines for receipt of applications, by the chairperson, are the last day of the months of January, March, June and September.
5. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the application has indeed been received by the chairperson. Any submissions not received before the application deadline, for whatsoever reason, will not be considered.
6. It is not deemed necessary to allocate awards every year but rather based upon the finances of CATSA and the eligibility of applications.
7. The award may be applied only towards legitimate costs (defined in the aim and scope clause) incurred in respect of the award recipient for which the award was granted.

## **OBLIGATIONS OF THE RECIPIENT**

1. Publicly recognise CATSA support, e.g. in the presentation, poster, published proceedings or paper, as appropriate.
2. Submit a financial report regarding disbursement of the award, consistent with the award scope, criteria and conditions.

3. Submit an article for "Society News" relating to experiences/highlights of the Summer School attended.
4. If appropriate, submit a copy of the paper/poster/abstract presented at the conference for inclusion on the CATSA website.
5. The above submissions are to be made to the Chairperson of CATSA within one month of returning from the conference.