



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONAL PERSONS

The **Young Professional Persons Programme**, is a development programme specifically for young people from the designated groups as defined in terms of the **Employment Equity Act** who have been accepted by a registered **Educational Institution for a Honours, Masters degree** in the listed agricultural scarce and critical fields to attain their qualification through a structured mentoring and development programme.

Persons with a disability and female are encouraged to apply.

OPPORTUNITIES	WHO SHOULD APPLY?	RELEVANT FIELDS OF STUDIES	NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES
Honours/Masters Student registered or accepted for studies in the listed under scarce and critical fields	Candidates must have the ability to complete the programme and have a desire to pursue a career in Agriculture.	• Agricultural Economics and or Food Science	2
		• Production economics/Macroeconomics/Resource economics	1
		• BSc (Hons)/Master: Environmental Management	1
		• Honours /Masters degree in community development/facilitation	2

The bursary covers the full amount for tuition fees. Student accommodation is available in the YPP residence at the department for a minimal cost of R500 per month in a fully furnished self-catering house. Successful applicants enter into a service contract offering a monthly stipend of R16 852.

Total estimated value of the bursary and service agreement amounts to R263 000 per annum. Studies must be completed within the minimum required study period.

Requirements

1. All applicants must be South African citizens. Preference will be given to applicants residing in the **Western Cape**.
2. Applicants must be currently registered (2023 academic year) or accepted for the above study fields (2024 academic year) at a Higher Educational Institution.
3. Successful candidates will be expected to enter into a service and a bursary agreement.
4. Applicants must complete the relevant forms which is available on the departmental website: www.elsenburg.com
5. Completed application and required documentation must be emailed.
6. Suitability interviews will be conducted with the shortlisted applicants.
7. Research proposals will be subjected to the departmental technical committee for approval.

Only online applications will be accepted:
<https://www.elsenburg.com/external-development-initiatives-edj/>

For further enquiries on the Young Professional Persons Programme please contact:

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Note: Correspondence will be limited to shortlisted candidates only. **The certification of all supporting document will be expected from the shortlisted candidates.** Kindly accept that if you do not hear from the Department within three (3) months after the closing date of this advertisement, consider your application to be unsuccessful. Closing date for all applications to reach our office is by **22 September 2023**.