



IMPORTANT NOTICE

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONAL PERSONS

The **Western Cape Department of Agriculture** is proud to invite applications for its **Young Professional Persons Programme**.

This programme is specifically designed for **young South African citizens** from designated groups (as defined by the Employment Equity Act) who have been accepted or are registered at a recognised **Higher Education Institution** for a **Master's degree** in scarce and critical agricultural fields of the Western Cape Department of Agriculture.

Successful candidates will receive structured mentoring, professional development support and financial assistance to complete their qualifications and build a rewarding career in agriculture.

Persons with disabilities and women are strongly encouraged to apply.

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

LEVEL	FIELD OF STUDY	NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES
Master's	Trade Analysis / Economic Modelling / Resource Economics / Production Economics	2
Master's	Community Development / Facilitation / Project Management	1

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- South African citizens from designated groups
- Candidates who are registered or have been accepted for studies in the fields listed above
- Individuals with a strong desire to pursue a career in agriculture and the ability to successfully complete the programme

REQUIREMENTS

1. Must be a South African citizen.
2. Must be currently registered or formally accepted at a recognised Higher Education Institution in one of the specified fields.
3. Suitability interviews will be conducted.

BURSARY BENEFITS

- A comprehensive bursary covering the full cost of study for the minimum prescribed qualification period (estimated value of approximately **R60 000**).
- A service contract running concurrently with the bursary, including a monthly stipend of **R11 242**.
- Possible on-site self-catering accommodation, subject to availability (estimated value of **R1 895** per month).

HOW TO APPLY

- Download and complete the relevant application forms from the departmental website:
www.elsenburg.com/external-development-initiatives-edi/YPP
- Submit all completed forms together with the requested supporting documents via email or post to:

The Chief Director: Mr P Rockman
Directorate: Operational Support Services
Western Cape Department of Agriculture
Private Bag X 1
ELSENBURG
7607

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

Mr J Constable on 021-808 5044
EDI@westerncape.gov.za

Important Notes:

- Correspondence will be limited to shortlisted candidates only.
- Shortlisted candidates will be required to provide certified supporting documents at the interview.
- If you have not heard from the Department within three (3) months after the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful.
- **Preference will be given to candidates from the Western Cape.**

Closing date: 21 August 2026