



Call for Applications: 2025 SAAIR Scholarship Programme

Submission Deadline: 15 September 2025

Introduction

Are you an early-career professional passionate about using data, planning, and quality assurance to drive transformation in higher education? The 2025 SAAIR Scholarship Programme offers a unique and prestigious opportunity to become part of a growing network of future leaders. This scholarship is designed to support the development of the next generation of institutional researchers and academic planners, equipping them to make meaningful contributions to evidence-based decision-making across the higher education sector. Applications are welcome from both public and private institutions. The five scholars will have an opportunity to attend the 2025 32nd SAAIR Annual Conference hosted by the University of Venda on 27–31 October 2025.

Selection Criteria

- Early-career professionals with **less than five years** of experience in IR/QA/IP/AP/IS, or related fields, regardless of age.
- Must be an **active member of SAAIR**, with current or previous year's membership fees paid.
- Must be **nominated and endorsed by a senior manager's** signature (or equivalent) from their institution.
- The nominees need to submit an **application form with a one-page motivation** in which they: a) Explain why they should be selected as SAAIR Scholars, and b) Reflect on their experience and interests in higher education, what changes they would like to see in the future-forward higher education system and the role of SAAIR in bringing about those changes?

Opportunities

- Selected candidates will receive financial support to the equivalent of up to R 25 000 to cover their pre-Conference Workshops and Conference registration, travel and accommodation.
- Candidates will be invited to a panel discussion to share their stories.
- Candidates must attend the AGM during the conference, where the scholars will be recognised, and certificates be issued.

Applications (application form with a one-page motivation) need to be emailed to Carin Strydom (admin@sair.net) by Monday, 15 September 2025.

Application Form

Successful candidates will be contacted by 22 September 2025.