

Stellenbosch University Translational Fellow Programme

Enabling recent Graduates to become the
Entrepreneurs translating Research to
Impact.



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What are you doing next?



Are you a Masters or PhD student close to completion of your studies?

Do you want to start a business based on your research or develop your research into a product or service?

If you answered yes, the Translational Fellow Programme is for you.



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Translational Fellow Programme Objectives

1

Enable recent graduates to pursue an entrepreneurial career upon graduation while developing entrepreneurial, technology transfer and commercialisation skills.

2

Translate the world-class research performed at SU into innovative products and services that positively impacts society.



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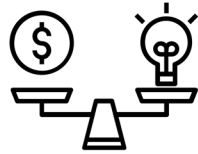


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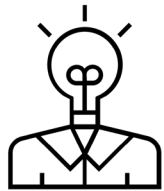
The Fellowship



R325 000 Stipend to cover living expenses for one year after graduation



Commercialisation support from Innovus including market validation, business case development, commercialisation strategy, and identifying and applying for funding.



The protection of and access to the Intellectual Property created through the research



Incubation, entrepreneurial and business development support from SU LaunchLab



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All the ingredients in one place



Stellenbosch University is one of the leading research intensive universities in Africa.

The University generates high quality and innovative research outputs as evidenced by the number of published PCT patent applications – more than any other private or public sector entity in South Africa



Innovus is one of South Africa's leading technology transfer offices. Five team members are Registered Technology Transfer Professionals*, more than any other TTO in Africa.

Innovus has a track record of successfully commercialising SU innovation through both licensing and starting spinout companies.



SU LaunchLab was named Africa's number 1 University-Backed Incubator in 2017/18 and again in 2019/20.

SU LaunchLab is wholly owned by Stellenbosch University through University of Stellenbosch Enterprises (Pty) Ltd and was established to assist SU spinout companies and start-ups from outside the university.

*The RTTP designation is awarded by the Association of Technology Transfer Professionals based on the professional's track record see www.attp.info for more information

Eligibility requirements

1. The applicant needs to complete their degree by the end of 2021. The TFP Committee may approve an application conditionally pending successful graduation.
2. The applicant may not hold any employment or postdoctoral fellowships at the same time as the Translational Fellowship.
3. The innovation to be commercialised is disclosed to Innovus and approved for commercialisation at the time of the application.
4. The applicant may not be employed in a spinoff commercialising the innovation at the time of application.
5. The innovation is at Technology Readiness Level 3 (TRL 3) or higher. If you are unsure of the TRL, contact the Innovus technology transfer professional assigned to the innovation.
6. A co-inventor or enabler who is a full-time academic staff member of SU has agreed to act as the applicant's Host for the TFP.
7. The Host's Department is willing to host the applicant and provide access to the necessary facilities.
8. The Innovus technology transfer professional assigned to the innovation supports the application.



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The application process

1. Complete the TFP Application (Call date to be confirmed)
2. Innovus screens applications for eligibility and prepares the documentation for the TFP Committee meeting. During this process, applicants may be contacted for further and or supporting information.
3. The TFP Committee meets to evaluate the applications. Applicants may be required to present their applications to the committee or to be available for clarifying questions from the committee. Innovus will send the details of the meeting and requests to be available at least a week before the meeting.
4. Innovus will notify successful applicants.
5. Translational Fellows, Hosts, and Heads of Departments complete and sign the Translational Fellow Funding Terms.
6. The Translational Fellowship is conditional on the applicant completing their studies and starts on the first day of the calendar month after completion of their degree.



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Evaluation Criteria

The TFP Committee will rank each application. The top-ranking applications will be approved. The number of approved applications is subject to the availability of funding and the discretion of the TFP Committee. The TFP Committee will use the following criteria to evaluate and rank the applications:

1. Market interest in the innovation;
2. Business viability of the innovation;
3. Technical feasibility of the innovation;
4. Competitive advantage and differentiation of the innovation;
5. Availability of the resources to complete the planned activities; and
6. Whether the objectives and activities provided in the application demonstrably improve the innovation's commercial potential either through unlocking funding or investment for further commercialisation, resulting in a license agreement, or introducing a product or service to the market.



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Translational Fellow Programme 2022 Call for Applications

We plan to release the call for applications to the 2022 Translational Fellow Programme during October 2021.

To ensure you are eligible to apply you need to start the innovation disclosure process with Innovus early enough to ensure we have received and processed it if you haven't disclosed the innovation yet.

If you are unsure whether your innovation would qualify for commercialisation please contact us at info@innovus.co.za and one of our Technology Transfer Team will contact you.

Please note:

- 1. Innovus is only mandated to work on innovation resulting from research performed at the university.*
- 2. We have limited funding available for Translational Fellowships. Applying for the TFP is not a guarantee that you will be funded.*



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