

Embassy of France in South Africa

SAFe Think – A French Government scholarship programme in cooperation with South African think tanks



**SAFe Think
Programme**

PhD bursaries in political and social sciences

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The SAFe Think scholarship programme **South African researchers in conducting joint projects with research institutes based in France**. The programme was launched in 2010 by the French government in order to **strengthen the connections between South African research institutes and their French counterparts** and facilitating the integration of South African think tanks into French, European and francophone African scientific networks. The programme offers **fellowships** allowing successful applicants to undertake a **joint research project in France of 4 to 10 weeks**.

SAFeThink targets researchers from all fields of human and social sciences. It is **run by the Embassy of France in South Africa** in cooperation with five **South African think tanks**:



What role do the think tanks play?

The think tanks assist the French Embassy in preselecting the candidates.

- 1) Applicants who are currently/ have been **working with one of our partner think tanks (internship, consultancy)**, may ask the person in charge of SAFeThink within the think tank for a **written recommendation**, to be handed in together with the application documents.
- 2) Candidates who do not have a working relationship with any of the think tanks may also **contact one of them for a pre-screening of their application** (at least one month before the SAFeThink deadline) and a recommendation.

See Annex for SAFeThink contacts.

How does the application process work?

1 - Fill out the application form

Fill out the form and assemble the requested documents (see below)

2 - Submit your application (deadline: 2 months before the envisioned date of departure)

Submit your application and the think tank recommendation via e-mail to the French Embassy (safethink@ambafrance-rsa.org).

3 - Funding decision (3 weeks after submission)

Selected candidates are informed of the selection panel's decision and can be invited for an interview at the Embassy of France in Pretoria.

Am I eligible for a bursary?

You can be considered for a bursary if:

1 - Your field of research is in **political or social sciences** (international relations, sociology, public administration, peace and security, conflict studies) and your project relates to **contemporary Africa**. Priority will be given to **comparative studies between South Africa and other African countries or France/Europe**.

2 - You hold or are in the process of completing a doctoral degree at a South African university and have a relevant publication record.

3 - You have selected 1 or 2 **French partner institutions**. The Embassy of France can assist you with selecting relevant host institutions in France.

5 - **Your application has been endorsed** by one of our partner Think Tanks (see next page)

What does a full bursary include?

Your round-trip flight ticket (South Africa – France)

Your health insurance

Your monthly stipend towards living expenses

Schengen visa fees

Deadline

Applications can be submitted throughout the year. They have to be handed in at least 2 months before the envisioned date of departure for France.

To request application forms or any additional information regarding the SAFeThink scholarship programme, contact:

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Partner think tanks: contact persons

 <p>Africa Institute of South Africa <i>Development Through Knowledge</i></p>	<p>AISA/ HSRC - Dr Thokozani Simelane</p> <p>tsimelane@hsrc.ac.za</p>
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