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## Department of Science and Innovation: Internship Opportunities 2026

### Description

The Department of Science and Innovation – National Youth Service (DSI-NYS) Programme forms part of the broader National Youth Service initiative by the South African government. Managed by the South African Agency for Science and Technology Advancement (SAASTA) under the National Research Foundation, the programme aims to empower and uplift unemployed youth through practical work experience and skills development.

The DSI-NYS Programme places unemployed graduates under 35 years old in partner institutions for a 12-month internship, during which participants receive a monthly stipend to support their basic living needs.

While the programme prioritises graduates in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields, limited opportunities may also be available for graduates from other disciplines, depending on institutional requirements.

This initiative promotes a culture of community service, volunteerism, and professional development, helping young people gain valuable work experience, improve employability, and contribute meaningfully to South Africa's socio-economic growth.

### Requirements

We are looking for motivated young graduates who possess:

#### Qualifications

A relevant tertiary qualification in one of the following areas:

- Science, Engineering, or Technology
- Journalism and Media Studies
- Communications
- Other fields as determined by the recruitment process

#### Skills and Competencies

- Strong computer literacy
- Self-motivation and ability to work under pressure
- Excellent communication and organisational skills
- Writing and/or radio and television production skills
- Good analytical and interpersonal skills

#### Applicants must be:

- Unemployed
- Under the age of 35
- Holders of a completed qualification (or a letter of completion if awaiting certificate)

### Hiring organization

Department of Science and Innovation

### Employment Type

Intern

### Duration of employment

12-months

### Industry

Government

### Job Location

South Africa, South Africa

### Working Hours

09

### Date posted

December 7, 2025

### Valid through

07.12.2029

## **How to Apply**

### **Required Documents**

Applicants must upload the following documents:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Certified copy of ID
- Motivational Letter
  - Clearly state why you want to join the DSI-NYS Programme
  - Include the province you live in and the province you prefer to be placed
- Certified copy of Highest Qualification
- Certified copy of Matric Certificate

**NB:** Applicants who have completed their qualification but do not yet have a certificate must attach a letter of completion under “qualification”.

### **Apply Online**

Submit your application through the official DSI portal:

[Apply Online for the Department of Science and Innovation \(DSI\): Internship Opportunities 2026](#)