

## APPLICATIONS CALL 2027

### Explore the Universe. Advance Space Science.

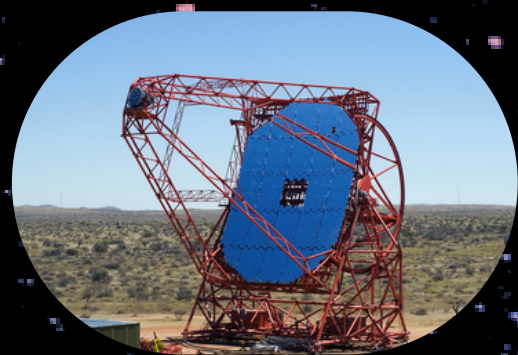
Applications are now open for Honours and Masters' studies through the National Astrophysics and Space Science Programme (NASSP), South Africa's leading collaborative postgraduate programme in astrophysics and space science.

#### NASSP is jointly hosted by:

- ★ North-West University (NWU)
- ★ University of Cape Town (UCT)
- ★ University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN)

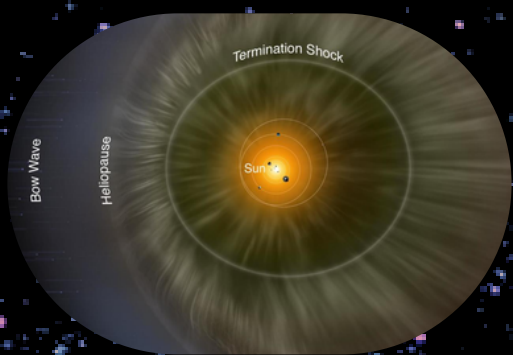


#### AREAS OF SPECIALISATION



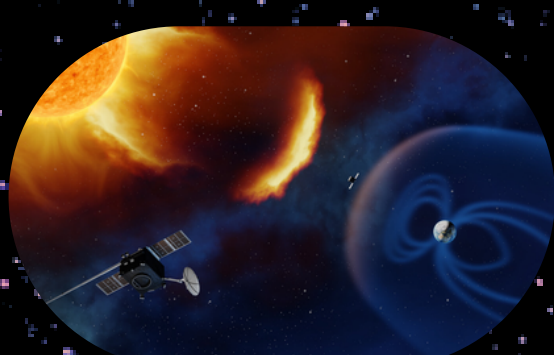
##### ★ ASTROPHYSICS

Study stars, black holes, pulsars, and galaxies



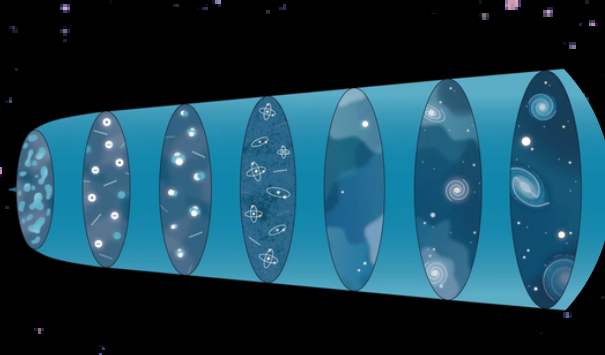
##### ☀ HELIOPHYSICS

Explore the solar turbulent plasma environment, including Sun's atmosphere, wind, and magnetic field.



##### 🛰 SPACE WEATHER

Investigate the Sun-Earth environment and its effects on satellites, radio communication, navigation systems, and energy infrastructure.



##### 🌀 COSMOLOGY

Examine the origin, structure, evolution, and ultimate fate of the Universe.



##### 🌌 SPACE SCIENCE & SPACE TECHNOLOGY

Study plasma physics, space material, and technologies that enable space exploration.

#### PROGRAMMES OFFERED



##### BSc Honours: 1 year & BSc Honours (Extended Program): 2 years

- Advanced coursework in astronomy, cosmology, and space science
- Research project component

##### MSc: 1.5 - 2 years



- Research based or coursework and research based
- Excellent preparation for PhD studies and research career



#### NASSP BURSARY SUPPORT

Successful applicants may receive funding, e.g., tuition fees, subsistence allowance, laptop, and travel allowance.



#### WHO CAN APPLY?

Graduates with backgrounds in:

- Physics
- Pure and Applied Mathematics
- Astronomy
- Space Science
- Engineering Physics
- Other closely related science disciplines

Externally funded students (e.g., SANSA, SARAO, etc.) can also apply.



#### APPLY NOW

For programme information and application details, visit:



<https://www.star.ac.za/application-procedure>

**Closing Date:**  
**13 September 2026**



#### ENQUIRIES

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