



# 24<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Entomological Society of Southern Africa



The Entomological Society of Southern Africa

8 – 11 July 2025 | University of the Free State, Bloemfontein

## Invitation to African countries

The Entomological Society of Southern Africa, is pleased to announce the 24<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Society, hosted by the Department of Zoology & Entomology at the **University of the Free State** in **Bloemfontein**

### Dear Entomology colleagues,

We are delighted to invite entomology students from African countries (excluding South Africa) to apply for student travel awards to attend the 24th ESSA (Entomological Society of Southern Africa) Congress, taking place 8–11 July 2025 at the University of the Free State, Bloemfontein campus. The ESSA Congress is a premier platform for entomologists across Africa to engage in knowledge-sharing, collaboration, and discussions on advancing entomological research and its impact on societal and environmental challenges.

#### About the Travel Awards

- Funding for travel and hostel accommodation only: Up to R10,000 per awardee (funds will be paid on completion of the congress)
  - Registration: Congress registration fees will be fully covered.
- This initiative aims to support the participation of emerging entomologists and young researchers (MSc, PhD, Postdoc and under the age of 35), providing an opportunity to share their work, network with peers, and gain insights from leading experts in the field.

#### How to Apply

Interested students should prepare and send the following application materials:

- A brief motivation letter outlining your interest in attending the ESSA Congress and how this opportunity will benefit your academic and professional growth.
- A short CV highlighting your entomological research (predatory publications will not be considered) and academic achievements (study record).
- A letter of recommendation from your academic supervisor or mentor.
- Proof of registration for 2025 at an African University.

**Submission Deadline:** 20 February 2025

**Submission Email:** [essa24@carlamani.com](mailto:essa24@carlamani.com)

Successful applicants will have the opportunity to engage with fellow entomologists, network, and enjoy the vibrant social and academic atmosphere of the congress. We look forward to receiving your applications and welcoming you to the 24th ESSA Congress in Bloemfontein, South Africa, where you'll experience an enriching journey in the world of entomology.

Warm regards,

**24th ESSA Congress Organizing Committee**

Visit the congress website for more information

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**See you at ESSA XXIV in  
Bloemfontein:  
8 – 11 July 2025**

