



The BANKSETA will be opening funding windows and inviting qualifying employers to participate in projects for the 2017/2018 financial year.

Below is a schedule indicating the approximate timelines and application process.

*Please note that in all instances submission of Workplace Skills Plans by **30 April 2017** is a prerequisite for participation in projects and access to funding.

Project name	Description	Publication date	Application Process
Youth Development Department			
Kuyasa Learnership	The aim of this project is to enable 220 unemployed post graduate learners to become more employable. The programme incorporates both soft skills and technical training (modeled according to existing KUYASA learnership),	July 2017	Employers to indicate intention to host learners via email. An invitation to participate is e-mailed to *qualifying employers.
Letsema Learnership	The aim of this project is to enable 300 unemployed post graduate learners to become more employable. The programme incorporates both soft skills and technical	July 2017	Employers to indicate intention to host learners via email. An invitation to

	training (modeled according to existing Letsema learnership).		participate is e-mailed to *qualifying employers.
Learnership funding for Unemployed	The aim of this intervention is to encourage better use of workplace based skills development by funding 350 unemployed learners on learnerships to address scarce, critical and priority skills required for the broader banking and micro finance sector.	May 2017	Notification on BANKSETA website and guidelines and application forms e-mailed to *qualifying employers. Information sessions offered in selected provinces.
PIVOTAL Grant Funding Window for Unemployed Learners	Funding for demand driven programmes for 150 unemployed learners aligned to the PIVOTAL Grant Guidelines.	May 2017	Notification on BANKSETA website and guidelines and application forms e-mailed to *qualifying employers. Information sessions offered in selected provinces.
Internships and Work-based experience funding	The funding of 100 workplace experience programmes and internships for both post matric and graduate learners to address scarce, critical and priority skills required for the broader banking and micro finance sector.	May 2017	Notification on BANKSETA website and guidelines and application forms e-mailed to *qualifying employers. Information sessions offered in selected provinces.
Skills Development Department			
PIVOTAL Grant Funding Window for Employed Learners	Funding for demand driven programmes for aligned to the PIVOTAL Grant Guidelines in the following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 600 employed Learnerships • 1000 Bursaries (General and Master's and Executive Level) • 900 Skills Programmes • 100 Candidacy Programmes 	May 2015	Notification on BANKSETA website and guidelines and application forms e-mailed to *qualifying employers. Information sessions offered in selected provinces.

Work Integrated Learning and Bursaries Department

<p>Information Technology Programme</p>	<p>To offer employment to 130 unemployed graduate learners who have completed a recognised learning programme as approved by the sector.</p>	<p>Stakeholder engagement targeted for May/June 2017 (intake 1) and January / February 2018 (intake 2)</p>	<p>Employers to indicate intention to employ learners or provide workplace experience by email to elainet@bankseta.org.za</p>
<p>Post-School Public FET Capacity Building</p>	<p>To assist University of Technology (UoT) Learners to gain experience in the workplace through work integrated learning interventions or to employ permanently in entry level positions. The programme is currently being run in partnership with AAT(SA) who have been tasked to capacitate institutions in the level four and five Accounting Technicians qualification. The initial intake is 320 learners and 5 provinces, and the project will provide additional support to enhance the learners' employability and facilitate their placement with host employers for practical experience or permanent employment.</p> <p>The UoTs that have committed are noted as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Central University of Technology 2. Durban University of Technology 3. Mangosuthu University of Technology 	<p>±160 learners who successfully completed the Level 4 Accounting Technician qualification will be available for permanent placement in commerce, banking, retail and micro-finance (±60) – employers to advise if they would like to interview learners who successfully completed for entry-level banking positions.</p>	<p>Employers to indicate intention to provide work experience or employ successful learners by email to rozahm@bankseta.org.za</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Tshwane University of Technology 5. University of Johannesburg 6. University of the Western Cape 7. Vaal University of Technology 8. Walter Sisulu University 		
TVET College Work Integrated Learning (WIL) Funding Window	<p>The purpose of this programme is to fund demand-driven skills development projects through collaborations with public Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Colleges. Workplace experience support in the following selected Skills Priority areas:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information technology ▪ Leadership and Management ▪ Customer interface or Marketing or sales and relationship management ▪ Specialist Finance or credit and risk assessment ▪ Legislative compliance ▪ Inclusive banking (e.g co-operative banking, micro finance or development finance) 	April 2017	Employers to indicate intention to provide work experience or employ successful learners by email to rozahm@bankseta.org.za .
UoT Work Integrated Learning (WIL) Funding Window	<p>The purpose of this programme is to fund demand-driven skills development projects through collaborations with Universities of Technology (UoT). Workplace experience support in the following selected Skills Priority areas:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information technology ▪ Leadership and Management ▪ Customer interface or Marketing or sales and relationship management 	April 2017	Employers to indicate intention to provide work experience or employ successful learners by email to Rozahm@bankseta.org.za

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Specialist Finance or credit and risk assessment ▪ Legislative compliance <p>Inclusive banking (e.g co-operative banking, micro finance or development finance)</p>		
Inclusive Banking Department			
SME Funding for scarce and critical skills	Encouraging and supporting small enterprises through funding scarce and critical skills as identified by the Inclusive Banking SSP.	May 2017	Notification on the BANKSETA Website and guidelines and application forms e-mailed to *qualifying employers
Entrepreneurial Skills Training	Encouraging and supporting small enterprises.	May 2017	Notification on BANKSETA Website and schedule, programme details and contact details e-mailed to qualifying delegates.
<p>Details of the following programmes will be communicated to qualifying employers later in the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Executive Development Programme for Development Finance • Training as required by the National Credit Act • Loan Officer Certificate • Customer Services Clerk Training 		September / October 2017	Programme details, dates and contact details e-mailed to qualifying delegates.
SSP and Research Department			
PhD Funding	The funding is for skills development of employees of BANKSETA registered employers as well as a need for funding Doctoral and Post-Doctoral research pertinent to the broader banking and microfinance sector. Funding is for Research programmes, offered by South African Institutions of Higher Education only.	May 2017	Guidelines and application forms on BANKSETA website and e-mailed to potential candidates.