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LAUNCH ANNOUNCEMENT: OCTOBER 2016 FIRSTRAND OXFORD AFRICAN STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP TO THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

The FirstRand Foundation has entered into a partnership with the African Studies Centre at Oxford University to allow an outstanding South African student to undertake postgraduate study at one of the world's foremost universities.

The scholarship will provide full funding for one student each year to study a master's degree at the African Studies Centre of Oxford University. The partnership is for five years. The successful candidate will be housed at Wadham College.

"The African Studies Centre is delighted to inaugurate this relationship with FirstRand, thus continuing a rich tradition of working with South African institutions and providing opportunities for South Africans to study at Oxford." Jonny Steinberg, Professor of African Studies, Oxford University

FirstRand will conduct the interviewing and selection process, which will run concurrently with the FirstRand Laurie Dippenaar Scholarship for international postgraduate study, based on academic excellence, leadership ability, community involvement and the candidate's potential to be a destiny changer.

"The candidates historically interviewed all have amazing talent and I have always been impressed by the enthusiasm shown for their chosen fields of study. They have excelled academically as well as in their outside interests, such as sport, music and community service. Leadership qualities also seem to be part and parcel of their make-up. The interviews are a humbling and rewarding experience." Laurie Dippenaar, Chairman, FirstRand.

Candidates have to apply and be accepted to do an MSc at the African Studies Centre at Oxford University and must apply online for the FirstRand Oxford African Studies Scholarship for their application to be considered.

Shortlisted candidates will be notified by mid-April and should be available for final interviews to be held in Sandton on 25 April 2017. A final announcement will be made by end May 2017.

FirstRand and the African Studies Centre are looking for the best applicants who will truly benefit from the opportunity and contribute to South Africa on their return.

The successful candidate is required to return to South Africa for at least five years after completing his or her studies as stipulated by SARS.

Online applications for the FirstRand Oxford African Studies Scholarship and the FirstRand Laurie Dippenaar Scholarship for international postgraduate study for 2017 will open on 16 December 2016 and close on 23 February 2017. No late applications will be accepted.

Applications for the MSc in African Studies at Oxford University close on 20 January 2017. For more information visit: <http://www.africanstudies.ox.ac.uk/msc-african-studies>

Information and the application form will on the FirstRand website from December 2016, www.firstrand.co.za