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DURBAN MEDICAL SCHOOL,  
UNIVERSITY OF NATAL,  
UMBILO ROAD,  
DURBAN.

2nd February, 1956.

Mr. Quintin Whyte,  
Director,  
South African Institute of Race Relations,  
Transvalia Building,  
21 Stiemens Street,  
Braamfontein,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

Many thanks indeed for your letter of the 30th December, and for the trouble which you have taken to answer my request. The possibilities of approaching the Ford Foundation have been suggested to me by other individuals. I will certainly do so.

I do hope that it is possible for me to obtain support for the scheme which I have in mind.

I am sorry that I could not see you when you were down in Durban, as I was then away on vacation. Perhaps, should you visit Durban again in the near future, you will contact me as I would have great pleasure in showing you round our School and in discussing various problems with you.

Yours sincerely,

Theodore Gillman,  
Professor and Head of the Department  
of Physiology.

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UNIVERSITY OF NATAL

*Mr. Hareyuril We should have an item on this in next RRN.*

*But keep on file marked RRN. Thanks. JWS*

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DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE:  
PROFESSOR I. GORDON, M.B., CH.B., F.R.S.S.A.F.  
PROFESSOR OF PATHOLOGY.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN.  
FACULTY OF MEDICINE  
UNIVERSITY OF NATAL.  
DURBAN. *9/12/57*

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28th November, 1957.

Mr. Quintin Whyte,  
Director,  
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,  
P.O. Box 97,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

The Principal, Dr. E.G. Malherbe, has forwarded your congratulatory telegram concerning the Medical graduands to Professor I. Gordon, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, who conveyed your message to the academic staff and medical students at the ceremony when the Hippocratic Oath was taken by the successful candidates.

Professor Gordon left for Cape Town the following day and unfortunately could not reply personally to your telegram as was his intention. However, he has asked me to convey his warm appreciation of the kind thoughts and message from yourself and members of the Institute of Race Relations on this occasion. Dr. Malherbe also wishes to associate himself with these sentiments.

For your information the names of the successful candidates are as follows:

- Miss S. Kallichurum, Miss K. Naidoo, Messrs. C.H. Davidson, N.E.G. Foster, A.M.S. Makunyane, H.M. Mogadime, B.T. Naidoo, P.S.M. Ngakane, V.K.G. Pillay, A.K. Thambiran, M.B. Zondi and Miss F.G.H. Mayet.

The majority of the successful candidates will be taking up their internship at King Edward VIII Hospital, which as you know contains the teaching wards of the Faculty of Medicine of this University.

In conclusion, I would add that the kind interest of your Institute in the welfare of our students is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

*R.S. McKie Thomson*  
(R.S. McKie Thomson)

Assistant Registrar - Faculty of Medicine.

*RRN*

D/E/g/2

15th April, 1958.

Professor I. Gordon,  
Dean : Faculty of Medicine,  
University of Natal,  
DURBAN.

Dear Professor Gordon,

Thank you very much indeed for the copies of the Reports on the Government's intention to remove the Faculty of Medicine from the University of Natal. We are very glad indeed to have these. We ourselves will be giving evidence shortly before the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte,  
DIRECTOR

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SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS

Telephone : 29210

11 Colonization Chambers,  
355 West Street,  
(P.O. Box 803).  
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29th August, 1958.

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AFRICAN MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS TRUST FUND  
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- THE ARCHBISHOP OF DURBAN
- SENATOR L. RUBIN

*Mr. Hershman,*  
*Kindly ack receipt &*  
*can we please finally give*  
*publicity to this. Will you*  
*please do so in next RRN?*  
*Please note esp. that*  
*applications must be in*  
*by 15. Please discuss*  
*with Mrs. Webb also*  
*she may have some*  
*suggestions.*

F. van Wyk Esq.,  
 S.A. Institute of Race Relations,  
 Auden House,  
 68 de Korte Street,  
 Braamfontein, Johannesburg.

*Thank you*  
*Fvw*  
*28/10/59*  
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*November "News"*

Dear Mr. van Wyk,

As you probably know, the African Medical Scholarships Trust Fund calls for applications for scholarships at this time of year.

We should greatly appreciate it if you would assist us in publicizing scholarships in any way that is convenient for you. The Fund advertises in national newspapers and circulars are sent to all Bantu Secondary Schools, but it is nevertheless possible that there are sections of the African population which are not reached.

Thus, if it is possible for your organization to publicize the scholarships in any way, we would be grateful.

I am enclosing two circulars and a brochure giving information about the scholarships, and if there is any further information you would like to have, I will be happy to supply it.

Yours sincerely,  
*J.M. Joffe*  
 J.M. Joffe  
 Chairman

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*Sent comp. copy of November News on 11/11/59.*

AFRICAN MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS TRUST FUND

University of the Witwatersrand  
Johannesburg

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TO ALL APPLICANTS WISHING TO COMMENCE STUDY IN 1960

As you may know, the passing of the Extension of University Education Act has provided for the exclusion of non-whites from the Universities of the Witwatersrand and Cape Town.

In October this year the Minister of Bantu Education announced that the new Tribal Colleges would be opened at the beginning of 1960 and that all non-whites wishing to register at the Universities of the Witwatersrand and Cape Town for the first time in 1960 would require a permit from the Minister to allow them to do so. This regulation has been subsequently gazetted. Neither my University nor my Committee have had any indication from the Department concerning the admission of non-whites to the Faculty of Medicine in 1960.

The permits will be applied for on behalf of applicants by the University, but in the event of non-whites - and Africans in particular - not being admitted to the Faculty of Medicine at Wits. next year, limited alternative facilities are available at the Non-European Medical School in Durban. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT A.M.S.T.F. WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING THIS INSTITUTION, BUT APPLICANTS WHO HAVE ALTERNATIVE MEANS AVAILABLE ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE DURBAN MEDICAL SCHOOL IN ADDITION TO APPLYING TO WITS.

THE ADDRESS IS:  
The Registrar,

Non-European Medical School,  
Unbilo Road,  
DURBAN.

This is an extremely important matter, and all applicants are advised to take it into account when making their arrangements for next year.

J.M. Joffe  
Chairman

AFRICAN MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS TRUST FUND

University of the Witwatersrand

JOHANNESBURG

Mr. / Miss .....  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to your letter of .....  
applying for a Scholarship, we offer the following information:-

1. The S.R.C. of the University of the Witwatersrand offers Loan Medical Scholarships, tenable at the Witwatersrand University. The Scholarship is worth approximately £300:0:0 per annum, repayable at the rate of, at least, £100:0:0 per annum as from the second year, (i.e. year after the Housemanship year) after completing the Medical Course. The successful candidate(s) must commence study at the beginning of 19.....
2. Applicants must be of African descent, permanently resident in the Union of South Africa, or in the Protectorates of Basutoland, Swaziland or Bechuanaland, and wishing to study for the degree of Bachelor of Surgery, or Bachelor of Medicine, at the University of the Witwatersrand.
3. Applicants are required to supply testimonials and information with documentary support on the following matters:-
  - (i) The Applicant's academic record at school or any university attended by the Applicant. Applicants awaiting Matric. results should note down their Matric. number on the application form, or send these immediately they are available, to the Committee.
  - (ii) The Applicant's financial position.
  - (iii) The Applicant's state of health. In this case a Health Certificate from a registered Medical Practitioner must be submitted.

Applicants are advised, wherever possible, to submit certified copies, rather than the originals. Every precaution will be taken by the Committee to ensure the return of original testimonials or certificates submitted, but the Committee accepts no responsibility for such documents. All information submitted to the Committee will be regarded as confidential.

4. Applicants are required to fill in the accompanying Questionnaire, in addition to submitting testimonials and certificates.
5. N.B. APPLICANTS MUST ALSO MAKE SEPARATE APPLICATION IMMEDIATELY TO THE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND FOR



ADMISSION, IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO. APPLICATION TO THE A.M.S.T.F. DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY COVER APPLICATION TO THE MEDICAL SCHOOL, AND IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL APPLICANTS DO BOTH.

6. A MATRICULATION PASS IN MATHEMATICS IS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR ALL ASPIRANT MEDICAL STUDENTS. CANDIDATES WHO HAVE NOT PASSED MATRICULATION MATHEMATICS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE MEDICAL SCHOOL AND, CONSEQUENTLY, NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AN A.M.S.T.F. SCHOLARSHIP.
7. Applicants who are successful will be required to sign a contract in which all the regulations concerning the Scholarship will be set out.
8. Canvassing by the Applicant, or any other person on his behalf among the Selection Committee may disqualify him.
9. Applications must reach the Secretary on or before the 15th December this year.
10. Failure to comply with any of the above requirements will render a candidate liable to disqualification.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary  
A.M.S.T.F.



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*A great need—  
A great ideal*

# THE NEED FOR THE FUND

## "ONE DOCTOR SERVES 20,000 PEOPLE"

The state of health of a very great number of Africans in South Africa is appalling. According to the Minister of Health, 80,000 non-whites suffer from tuberculosis.

Between 200 and 300 African babies out of every 1,000 born alive die in their infancy. On the Witwatersrand the life expectancy of the African child is 36.4 years at birth; for white children in the same area it is 66 years.

These statistics must be seen in the light of the paucity of doctors serving the African community. To-day, only 160 non-white doctors practise in South Africa. Furthermore, although many (about 1,500) white doctors serve non-whites, this, in relation to the people's needs, is pathetically small.

In the Transkei, one doctor serves 20,000 people; in parts of the Northern Transvaal, the ratio is said to be about 1 in every 40,000. Whereas in Johannesburg there is one doctor for every 750 Europeans.

**THERE IS ONLY ONE SOLUTION FOR THIS SITUATION, AND THAT IS TO TRAIN MORE AFRICAN DOCTORS.**

## THE GOVERNMENT WITHDRAWS MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS

In 1949 the Government announced that the five State scholarships which it had annually offered to Africans to study medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand, would be withdrawn.

The reaction to this announcement was immediate. A MASS MEETING OF THE STUDENTS PROTESTED AGAINST THIS MEASURE, SAYING THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF ANY SCHOLARSHIP FOR AFRICANS WOULD BE A GRIEVOUS AND RETROGRADE STEP IN VIEW OF THE OBVIOUS NEED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRAINING FACILITIES FOR AFRICAN DOCTORS.



Dr. Sinyola Nyoka—first A.M.S.T.F. Scholar

The idea of a University which is freely open to all who wish to study is cherished very dearly by the students at Wits. To serve the idea and to serve the crying need for doctors, they established, at this meeting, the African Medical Scholarship Trust Fund (A.M.S.T.F.), and to start it they imposed a levy of 10/- each per year on themselves.

**TO DATE 19 A.M.S.T.F. SCHOLARS HAVE BEEN ENABLED TO FOLLOW THE MEDICAL COURSE AT WITS., OF WHOM FOUR HAVE ALREADY GRADUATED AS DOCTORS.**

## THE POVERTY OF NON-WHITE STUDENTS

Whatever the background from which the scholars have come, from a tribal village, or a city home, one thing they all have in common—their successful struggle against the depressing weights of poverty and meagre opportunities for education. A glance at the number of African and white students at Universities will show the position quite clearly.

Stated bluntly, and without enquiry into the historical and other reasons, the fact is that there are 115 times as many white students in Universities per head of population as there are Africans.

African students must meet many hazards

in their pursuit of education. One of the most distressing is their poverty. They are almost entirely dependent on bursaries, loans and scholarships to help them qualify.

About 30 applications are received for every scholarship actually granted. Notwithstanding these difficulties, A.M.S.T.F. scholars have been distinguished students. Dr. Sinyola Nyoka (who appears in the photograph on left), the first A.M.S.T.F. scholar, finished fifth out of a final year class of 96.

The distressing need for doctors and for scholarships, to enable them to train, would make the appeal for funds of the A.M.S.T.F. an urgent one even if there were no other considerations. But the policy of the South African Government with regard to the Universities adds to its particular poignancy.

## THE "OPEN" UNIVERSITIES

Ever since 1948, when the present Government came into power, the freedom of the Universities to admit whom they wish has been in jeopardy, and non-white students have been threatened with the complete extinction of their right to choose freely where they wish to be educated.

The system of academic non-segregation has been in force at the Medical School of the University of the Witwatersrand for many years and has never caused friction or difficulty. The vast majority of those who have had actual experience of the system, that is, staff and students of the University, are strongly in favour of it.

In view of these facts, we contend that it is an admirable and working system. Excluding Africans from medical training at Wits, just because of their skin pigmentation appears to us to be morally unjustifiable and contributes towards the appalling lack of African doctors.

**EVEN IF THE PRESENT UNIVERSITY APARTHEID BILL IS PASSED, THE FUND WILL STILL NEED HELP UNTIL AT LEAST 1969. (AFRICAN STUDENTS WILL STILL BE PERMITTED INTO THE "OPEN" UNIVERSITIES UNTIL 1962.)**

## **THE FUND**

The purpose of the Fund is to enable Africans to study medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand. Selection is made on the grounds of academic merit alone. The Fund is administered by a committee of the Students' Representative Council. The only source of regular income is approximately £1,000 which comes from a voluntary levy the students have imposed on themselves.

**THE SIX YEARS' MEDICAL TRAINING COURSE AT THE UNIVERSITY NOW COSTS APPROXIMATELY A TOTAL OF £1,920 PER SCHOLAR FOR THE WHOLE PERIOD OF TRAINING. WITH 15 SCHOLARS WE NEED APPROXIMATELY £4,500 TO COVER OUR ANNUAL EXPENDITURE.**

We appeal urgently for your wholehearted assistance to A.M.S.T.F., which serves so important a need and so great an ideal.

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## **FROM THE A.M.S.T.F. CONSTITUTION:**

### **NAME:**

The Organisation hereinafter referred to as "The Fund" is and shall be known as the Witwatersrand University African Medical Scholarships "Trust Fund."

### **OBJECTS:**

The object of the Fund is to provide loan scholarships for African students in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Witwatersrand.

### **APPLICATIONS:**

Applications shall be called for from persons of African descent domiciled in the Union of South Africa or in the Protectorates of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland, and wishing to study for the degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at the University of the Witwatersrand.

### **CONSCIENCE:**

No applicant shall be required to supply information as to his religious or political affiliation or beliefs.

## **SELECTION:**

In considering applications, the Selection Committee shall be guided primarily by the academic qualifications and record of applicants, but may also consider the financial position and state of health of applicants and its general estimate of their character and ability.

## **REPAYMENT:**

All bursaries awarded by the Fund shall be in the form of loans repayable on terms decided upon by the Committee in each case when the bursary is awarded, and specified in the contract between the bursar and the Trustees.

## **TENURE:**

. . . bursaries shall be tenable for a period of six years, or five years in the case of a student admitted directly to the second year of study in the Faculty of Medicine.

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## **PATRONS OF THE FUND:**

The Archbishop of Cape Town.  
The Bishop of Pretoria.  
The Chief Rabbi Prof. L. I. Rabinowitz.  
Senator E. H. Brookes.  
Mr. W. Stuart, M.P.  
The Rev. J. B. Webb.  
Mr. Alan Paton.

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## **THE TRUSTEES OF THE FUND:**

Adv. O. I. Frankel.  
Mr. W. G. C. Moir.

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The Fund is administered by a committee appointed by the Students' Representative Council. It receives its finances from the public and from the student assistance mentioned on the overleaf.

## **All Donations should be sent to:**

A.M.S.T.F.,  
C/o S.R.C. Office,  
University of the Witwatersrand,  
Milner Park,  
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