



The GSSA is a non-profit, voluntary association of earth scientists active in southern Africa, formed in 1895, with a focus on geology and wider earth sciences in Africa

## THE BENEFITS OF BEING A STUDENT MEMBER OF THE GSSA

#cherish  
#promote  
#prosper

# WHO WE ARE

- **LEARNED/SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY**

- Promote the study and awareness of geoscience, particularly in Africa
- Provide a scientific forum for the publication and dissemination of scientific research in African earth science
- Provide the general public with earth science information,
- Promote the documentation and preservation of important geological sites for the benefit of broader society

- **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY**

- Promote professional interests and professional development
- Assist and inform interested parties, including financial institutions on policy regarding Public Reporting practices (SAMCODES)
- Provide a professional code of ethics and disciplinary procedures
- Represent its members at the statutory registration authority (SACNASP)
- Inform and influence government policy



- **LOCAL ALLIANCES**

- FFF (Fossil Fuel Foundation)
- GASA (Geostatistical Association of SA)
- SAGA (South African Geophysical Association)
- SAIEG (South African Institute of Engineering & Environmental Geology)
- SAIMM (Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy)
- WIMSA (Women in Mining South Africa)

- **REGIONAL ALLIANCES**

- BGA (Botswana Geosciences Association)
- GSAfr (Geological Society of Africa)
- GSNam (Geological Society of Namibia)
- WAIMM (West African Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum)
- GSZam (Geological Society of Zambia)
- GSZim (Geological Society of Zimbabwe)



# OUR STAKEHOLDERS



## Academia

Teaching  
Research  
Curricula



## Next Generation

Employability  
Employment  
Mentorship



## Exploration

Senior vs Junior companies  
Small-scale miners



## Mining

Established commodities  
Future minerals



## Public

Geoheritage  
Geotourism  
General knowledge



## ESG Practitioners

Green economy vs economic development



## Regulatory

SACNASP  
CGS  
DMRE  
JSE



## Consultants

Geologists  
Hydrogeologists  
Geophysicists

Geological Society of South Africa





### Professional Code of Ethics

- Professional norms and behaviours backed by a robust Complaints process



### Continuing Professional Development

- Members can choose to record CPD credits on either GSSA or SACNASP website and be mutually recognised.



### Technical/Scientific Meetings

- Live and recorded events to learn at your convenience.
- Looking for new ways to present events (hybrid?).
- Networking events coming soon



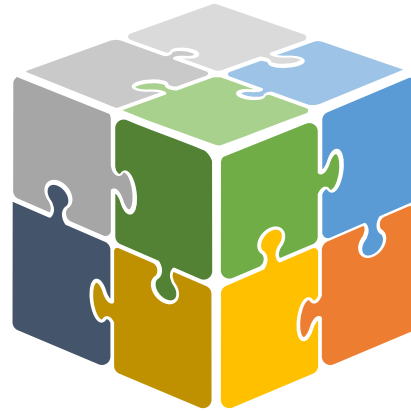
### Branches & Divisions

- Support for wide-ranging interests



### Geobulletin/Newsletter

- Know what is happening in the geoscience universe



### REI Fund

- Access to funds for research activities



### SA Journal of Geology

- Internationally recognised and accredited journal
- Journal archives back to 1895
- Relationship with Geoscience World



### Recognised Professional Organisation

- Training & support for Competent Persons.
- Associated with CRIRSCO and IMVAL.
- Promotes international reciprocity



### Mentorship Opportunities

- Opportunities for personal growth and also to give back



### International/Regional/Local Alliances

- Founder member of Global Geoscience Professionalism Group.
- Numerous sister organisations and relationships with other regional and international geoscience organisations.

**Benefits of GSSA membership – providing you with a professional home**



# STUDENT MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

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Student Membership is FREE

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50% discount on all publications

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Reduced Rates (often FREE) for virtual, contact and hybrid events

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Opportunities for funding research costs through REI Fund

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Automatic inclusion in the Young Professionals Division of the GSSA

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Fulltime MSc and PhD Students retain (FREE) student membership status

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Easy transition to full corporate membership on graduation (only one reference required)

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No membership costs for one full year on transfer to full membership.

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Preferential access to limited mentorship opportunities through the SACNASP Candidate Mentoring Programme





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