

Opportunities available at Shoprite Data Science Academy

Aspirant data scientists in their final year of study still have until the end of June to apply for a bursary for the 2020 academic year that will see them enter the Shoprite Group's Data Science Academy in January 2021.

Based in Cape Town, the academy offers a year-long programme in which apprentices have the opportunity to extract knowledge and insights from complex data sets involving sales, inventory, consumer spending and much more.

A key component of this programme is the mentoring each apprentice receives from an experienced data scientist. These mentors act as guides that help the apprentices navigate the real work problems they will encounter in the course of the programme.

Successful graduates will seek solutions for a retail leader, the Shoprite Group, which consists of 17 trusted brands and employs 147 000 people across 15 African countries. The Group's extensive bursary programme assists students with tuition, books and accommodation fees, and comes with a work-back agreement, which in this case translates to the apprenticeship at the Data Science Academy.

To be considered for the bursary and entry into the Data Science Academy candidates must at the end of this year graduate with a degree or postgraduate qualification in one of these fields:

- Data Science
- Mathematics
- Statistics
- Operational Research
- Quantitative Management (or similar quantitative degree)
- Computer Science
- Industrial Engineering

For more information, and to submit an application before 30 June 2020, visit the [Bursary and Graduate Opportunities page](#) on www.shopriteholdings.co.za.

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