

North West student receives bursary from Shoprite, joins Data Science Academy

Klerksdorp resident Olebogeng Letlhoyo (23) is one of the newest members of the Shoprite Group's Data Science Academy.

After finishing matric in 2016, Letlhoyo took a gap year in 2017 to think, research, and decide what he wanted to study. He worked as a shelf packer at his local Shoprite, where he gained a good understanding of the retail environment.

In 2020 Letlhoyo graduated with a BSc in Computer Science and Mathematics from North-West University. A year later he decided to pursue an Honours in Computer Science. This is when he saw that the Shoprite Group was offering a data science bursary, which he applied for and received.

"I was very excited about receiving this bursary because it also meant I would be working for Shoprite upon completion of my studies. This is a big opportunity for me to be working at the largest supermarket retailer in Africa," says Letlhoyo. "I'm grateful for the opportunity and hoping to learn and make a real difference here."

Applications for the Shoprite Group's bursary programme are now open for the 2022 and 2023 academic years. These bursaries offer students in the fields of accounting, food sciences and information technology an opportunity to further their studies - and then go on to work for Africa's largest retailer. Registered university students with a 65% aggregate or higher are encouraged to apply by visiting the [Bursary](#) page.