



PPS AWARDS WITS STUDENT A R40,000 SCHOLARSHIP

PPS, the leading South African specialist financial services provider to graduate professionals, has awarded Tahir Ismail, a student at the University of the Witwatersrand, the PPS Scholarship Award, worth R40,000. Ismail, who is currently studying a Masters in Pharmacy, has attained an 80% pass rate in his studies, with 16 distinctions.

Mike Jackson, CEO at PPS, says Ismail has proven to be an outstanding student not only in terms of his excellent academic record but also with strong recommendations from both lecturers and fellow students. "Ismail has worked extremely hard to get where he is today and we are confident that we will be seeing and hearing much more from him in the future."

"I am truly surprised, but very grateful, to have won this award," said Ismail. "To know that I can proceed with my fourth year without any concern about having to pay for tuition fees and books relieves much of the financial pressure. Importantly, it also allows me to get on with the real task in hand, which is continuing to study as hard as possible."

Two runners up, Tarryn Newby, a Veterinary Science student at the University of Pretoria and Alessandro Aidera, a MBCHB student at the University of Cape Town, also received a R5,000 prize to assist with their costs

PPS awards a scholarship every year to an outstanding student with exceptional academic results to help cover the cost of tuition fees and books, as well as accommodation and an allowance.

To be eligible for the award, the student must be registered at a South African university and be registering for at least a 4th year of academic study in 2011. They must also be studying for a profession, which on qualification, would be eligible for PPS membership such as medicine, accountancy or engineering and be a citizen or permanent resident of South Africa or Namibia.