

ATR SCHOLARSHIPS TO FUEL AFRICA'S SECOND CENTURY OF AVIATION TALENT

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The AviAssist Foundation has today announced the launch of the ATR course scholarship program for future and young aviators in Africa. ATR course scholarships enable future or young aviation professionals to access one of the acclaimed AviAssist safety courses in Africa for free. The Foundation's priority is to fuel Africa's second century of aviation safety talent and innovation by providing access to professional development opportunities to promising students.

"The partnership with ATR for AviAssist course scholarships is an exceptional opportunity for students with proof of dedication to an aerospace career. The future and young professionals selected for ATR scholarships are forging themselves a way into Africa's aviation industry," said Tom Kok, director of the AviAssist Foundation. "Often, our courses will be the first opportunity for those youngsters to gain access to short professional development courses and engage with professionals from across Africa. In the awarding decisions, the award committee will give preference to females in support of much needed diversity in our industry."

The course scholarships will be awarded to future and young professionals from the country that hosts an AviAssist event. That way, recipients of the scholarships do not face travel and accommodation costs. In addition to receiving the course scholarship, the scholarship recipients will receive a voucher for aviation books from the Aircraft Technical Book company, one of the world's largest wholesalers to Aviation Maintenance colleges. Scholarship recipients will also be subscribed for life to the Foundation's SafetyFocus magazine.

"Africa's aviation industry is growing and this requires lots of well-trained, motivated new aviators in different domains such as maintenance, flight operations or cabin crew", commented ATR's regional flight safety director Géraud de Rivals-Mazeres. "As the leader in the regional aviation market, it is essential for ATR to support the Next Generation Aviation Professionals in Africa to improve flight safety in the regions we serve. This scholarship is one of the ways in which ATR invests in those future aviators".

All information about the scholarships and the application process will be entirely run through the Foundation's website. The decision of the Foundation is final, and no correspondence will be entered into concerning the award of a scholarship.

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The AviAssist Foundation has been leading, building and supporting aviation safety promotion in African since 1995. It provides safety promotion deliberately different to Africa's aviation industry. It is the initiator of Africa's only aviation safety promotion centre, the AviAssist Safety Promotion Centre – Rwanda, hosted by the University of Rwanda's College of Science and Technology. More at www.aviassist.org