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REF: MOTIVATION FOR ANSTT2026 BURSARY

I, firstly, would like to thank the ANSTT 2026 organizing committee for the invitation to attend this year's ANSTT workshop and present my work on the Nuclear Structure studies topic. It is a well received and appreciated invitation and I have since submitted an abstract.

In view of this, I am writing to motivate for the advertised bursary to cover my travel, accommodation and registration for the workshop. Many attempts made to secure funding here have unfortunately yielded no result as my institution, the University of Zambia where I am a lecturer, is facing financial difficulties. The limited funds available are usually directed towards pressing needs.

I am keen to maintain and further strengthen my ties with iThemba LABS and my participation in yet another ANSTT workshop will help cement the relations, as well as afford me a wonderful opportunity to give back and explore future experimental and research collaborations.

It is within iThemba LABS' long-term plan to expand its footprint in Southern Africa. Being a product of iThemba LABS myself, and now an emerging nuclear physicist researcher at one of the renowned universities in the Southern region of Africa, I am well placed to be an ambassador of the groundbreaking research, unmatched training and many other services, carried out and offered by iThemba LABS. My frequent engagements in activities such as the SAINTS and this ANSTT 2026 workshop and participating in experiments, will help keep my ties with this institution alive.

Your consideration in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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