



Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns

Information: Bursaries/grants for Master's and Doctoral degrees

Study in Afrikaans: Any subject discipline

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BURSARIES/GRANTS FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDY IN ANY SUBJECT DISCIPLINE THROUGH MEDIUM OF AFRIKAANS

Closing date for applications: 31 August 2016 (Academic year of 2017).

The *Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns* has made a number of bursaries/grants available for 2017 (valid for one year), intended for post-graduate studies through the medium of Afrikaans IN ANY SUBJECT DISCIPLINE:

- Master's degree
- PhD
- Preference will be given to candidates who are full-time students.
- Candidates who have already had their research proposals (Master's degree and PhD) approved by their relevant universities, are requested to submit documented proof of this approval, as well as an abridged summary of the proposed study.
- Candidates who are in their second or third year of study for the specific degree may also qualify for a bursary/grant.
- Students are required to submit an estimated quotation with their application, and should also give information on alternative/additional financing.
- Preference will be given to candidates who are enrolled at a South African university and who are South African nationals.
- Applications close on 31 August 2016 and must be submitted on the prescribed form. Please ensure that the form is completed in full.
- A recommendation by the supervisor/study promoter **MUST** be included with the application.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Successful candidates may apply for the first instalment of their bursary during March 2017, on condition that the office of the SA Akademie has already received their original contracts. The second and last payment will take place at the end of June 2017. The application for the second and last payment must include a satisfactory progress report by the supervisor/study promoter. Payment of the bursary funds will be subject to the candidate's acceptance of the bursary and a simultaneous signing of a loan agreement, which only becomes effective if the candidate terminates the study before completion, does not make satisfactory progress, or does not complete his/her study within the agreed study period: for a master's degree a maximum three years; for a PhD a maximum of four years. The funds received must be paid back in full if the student does not complete the study successfully by

being awarded the degree. The loan agreement will also come into effect if any other irregularities occur in connection with the grant.

Master's degree

Bursaries/grants to a **maximum amount of R60 000.00** (once-off) and registration fees for two consecutive years of study will be paid for study through the medium of Afrikaans in any subject discipline – whether in humanities or natural sciences. The end product of the study, in the case of a dissertation, **MUST** be in Afrikaans and must be submitted in Afrikaans for examination purposes.

- **Translations from any other language are unacceptable.**
- The nature of the study, as well as factors such as full-time or part-time study, will be considered in deciding the amount being granted.
- If a candidate must also write an examination paper, apart from the submission of a dissertation, the option **MUST** be chosen to write this examination in Afrikaans.
- Depending on the candidate's progress with the study and the recommendation of the relevant supervisor, a candidate may apply for payment of registration fees for the second study year.
- The third year of study is regarded as a period of grace.
- The student is expected to complete the master's degree by the end of the third year.

If the candidate does not comply with the aforementioned conditions, the loan agreement will become effective, which compels the candidate to pay back the full amount plus interest of all bursaries/grants paid out to him/her. The candidate will be required to sign such a loan agreement upon acceptance of the bursary/grant. Candidates must submit annual proof of registration.

PhD study

Bursaries/grants to a **maximum amount of R120 000.00** (once-off) and registration fees for two consecutive years of study will be paid for study through the medium of Afrikaans in any subject discipline – whether in humanities or natural sciences. The end product of the study, in the case of a thesis, **MUST** be in Afrikaans.

- If additional outcomes are required for a PhD, such as a series of journal articles, the majority of these articles – or at least three articles – must be presented in Afrikaans for examination purposes.
- **Translations from any other language are unacceptable.**
- Depending on the candidate's progress with the study and the recommendation of the relevant supervisor, a candidate may apply for payment of registration fees for the second and subsequent third study year.
- The fourth year of study is regarded as a period of grace.
- The student is expected to complete his/her PhD by the end of the fourth year.

If the student does not, as contractually agreed upon, complete the study in Afrikaans within the given time period, a loan agreement will come into effect, which compels the student to pay back the full amount plus interest of all bursaries/grants paid out to him/her over the entire period. The candidate will be required to sign such a loan agreement upon acceptance of the bursary/grant. Candidates must submit annual proof of registration

- Conditions:**
1. Applications close on 31 August 2016.
 2. Results will be announced early in December 2016.
 3. Motivations for the study (presented in well-edited Afrikaans) must be submitted with the application.
 4. Applicants will receive *acknowledgement of receipt of the application* from the office of the SA Akademie. However, it remains the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application was indeed delivered at and received by the SA Akademie.

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