



**In Collaboration with the South African Humanities Deans' Association  
(SAHUDA)**

## **2017 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

### **PhD/DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

The National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS) invites applications from suitably qualified students to study full-time towards a doctoral degree in the humanities and social sciences at any of the participating South African public universities.

#### **Programme Objective**

The main objective of this programme is to promote scholarship in the humanities and social sciences in South Africa, specifically among designated groups and Historically Disadvantaged Institutions.

#### **Eligibility**

- Only South African citizens from designated groups, with a preference to those from previously disadvantaged groups of the population.
- Not older than 45 years of age at the time of the application.
- Successful completion of a Master's degree; or entering the first year of PhD/doctoral study; or currently registered for PhD study in first year of enrollment.
- Confirmation by the prospective department/supervisor of your intention to enroll for a PhD-level programme of study at a participating university

#### **Disciplines**

Applications are invited from ALL humanities and social science disciplines.

Applications are especially encouraged from (but are not limited to) the following disciplines: Visual and Performing Arts; African Languages; History; Anthropology; Economics; Heritage Studies; Education, Social Work; Indigenous Knowledge Systems; African Music and Musicology.

**Selection criteria**

- Academic merit
- Coherence of the proposed research project
- Feasibility of the project
- Likely contribution of the project to the body of knowledge in the field

**Value, period and conditions of the award**

The value of the award is R132 000 in the first year. Annual renewals are subject to proof of satisfactory progress. The maximum funding period is three years.

**Application procedure**

Candidates should submit the following documentation for application:

1. Online application form which is accessible through the link: <https://gms.nihss.ac.za>. Students are required to register before they can access the link to complete their application.
2. Letter of confirmation by the prospective department or supervisor that you will be admitted to the participating university for registration for PhD study.
3. A motivation letter (not longer than one A4 page – 500 words).
4. A recent intellectual autobiography: a narrative of the major influences in your intellectual life (not longer than one A4 page – 500 words).
5. A research proposal outlining the problem statement, methodology, feasibility of your study and the contribution it will make to the body of knowledge in the particular field of study.
6. Two letters of recommendation from academics who are familiar with your work, of which one must be the supervisor of your Master's thesis.
7. A certified copy of your full academic transcript/s.
8. A certified copy of your ID.
9. Sample copies of your best writing, e.g. a chapter from your Master's study or any published academic work.

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

**Closing Date: 10 March 2017**

**Also visit NIHSS website: [www.nihss.ac.za](http://www.nihss.ac.za)**

The following South African public universities are participating in the programme:

Cape Peninsula University of Technology; Durban University of Technology; Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University; North West University; Rhodes University; Stellenbosch University; Tshwane University of Technology; University of Cape Town; University of Fort Hare; University of the Free State; University of Johannesburg; University of KwaZulu-Natal; University of Limpopo; University of Pretoria; University of South Africa; University of the Western Cape; University of the Witwatersrand; University of Venda; University of Zululand; Vaal University of Technology; and Walter Sisulu University.