



Water and Sanitation focused Postgraduate Student Bursary Call

The Water Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Roadmap is a high-level planning intervention that facilitates and guides refocusing of research, reprioritization of funds, synergising of existing initiatives and ring-fencing of new resources in order to facilitate a more optimal water innovation system. The Roadmap focuses on six thematic clusters:

1. Unlocking alternative sources of water
2. Governance, planning and management of supply and demand
3. Improving adequacy and performance of infrastructure (built and ecological)
4. Financially sustainable “business” approaches for improving operational performance
5. Reducing losses and increasing efficiency of productive use
6. Improving monitoring and metering

The Roadmap has, amongst others, an objective to support high-end human capacity development for water research, development and innovation. Highly skilled individuals are key to enabling faster and more effective development and deployment of context-appropriate solutions to water sector challenges.

In support of this objective, the EWSETA has, through its partnership with the WRC and DST, made 50 bursaries available to postgraduate students that are aligned the priority themes/clusters of the Water RDI Roadmap.

We thus invite interested honours, masters and PhD students to work with their supervisors to apply for this call.

Bursary overview:

1. Funding will be provided for the 2019 calendar year, for students enrolling/re-enrolling in January/February 2019;
2. Each student will be supported up to the value of R 60 000;
3. Students must have a secured supervisor in order to apply for these funds;
4. EWSETA bursaries specifically cover the costs of student fees, student book lists approved by supervisors, and university recognised accommodation (Evidence of these costs will need to be provided by students selected for funding);
5. Selected participants will also be expected to provide proof of registration, certified copies of IDs, and a letter from their supervisor confirming the course that the student is enrolled for;
6. Student selection/short-listing processes will be facilitated by the Water RDI Roadmap Implementation Unit at the WRC;
7. Contracting with selected students and their institutions will be managed directly by EWSETA;
8. Student Proposals must be aligned to one of the roadmap thematic clusters listed above;

To apply for this call, please fill out the online application form at this [link](#).

Closing date: 11 November 2018

For enquiries, please contact Sarah Ravhudzulo, Water RDI Roadmap Coordinator:

SarahR@wrc.org.za

