



**OPDT** Oil & Protein Seeds Development Trust  
**OAC** Oilseeds Advisory Committee

## **APPLY NOW FOR A MASTERS OR DOCTORS DEGREE BURSARY FOR THE 2025/2026 FINANCIAL YEAR**

Funds are made available on an annual basis by the Oil and Protein Seeds Development Trust (OPDT) for bursaries to assist deserving candidates to obtain a master's or doctoral degree. The objective in awarding a master's bursary is to train students to become competent researchers, whilst a doctoral bursary is awarded only to students who have demonstrated their ability as researchers and who will be working on a research project (see guidelines) regarded as being of high priority by the oilseeds.

The objective of the OAC/OPDT Postgraduate Research Scholarship is to provide deserving students with the opportunity to obtain a Master's degree that will enable them to contribute to high quality scientific research in oilseeds. The study should be of a high quality and should result in a high level of research competence. It is hoped that, once qualified, these students will contribute to the realisation of the vision and mission of the OAC/OPDT.

To qualify for a bursary, students must conduct an approved research project under the guidance of a recognised promotor at a recognised university. The project must be a major component of the requirements for the post graduate qualification.

In the case of a master's degree the bursary will be paid for a maximum of two years, and for three years, for a doctoral degree. However, successful candidates must not assume that the bursary will be awarded in successive years: the award for subsequent years will only be considered if proof of progress by the supervisor and proof of re-registration at the university accompanies the application and **reaches the Postgraduate Scholarship Office as indicated below.**

- Applications for these OAC/OPDT bursaries may not be made directly to the OAC/OPDT by individuals; only those applications submitted by universities will be considered.
- Applications are to be handed in at the Postgraduate Scholarship Office, Hatfield Campus, Graduate Building, Office 1-55 or sent as a single pdf document to [pgbursary@up.ac.za](mailto:pgbursary@up.ac.za)

**Deadline to submit to is : 20 September 2024**

The necessary [guidelines](#), [application](#) forms and [tips](#) for completing your bursary application, are available on the Funders website.