

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) focus area(s)



## APPLICATION DEADLINE

**Internal deadline: 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Funder deadline: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021

## BACKGROUND

The [University of Pretoria \(UP\)](#) is a research-intensive university with an established reputation for academic excellence, particularly in relation to its major research activities. UP is seeking candidates for doctoral studies who will make significant contributions to its research endeavour. As part of South Africa's contribution to the **Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan**, the University of Pretoria has made funds available for **two doctoral scholarships** for students coming from [Commonwealth Countries](#) (excluding South African students). This scholarship is known as the University of Pretoria Commonwealth Doctoral Scholarship and will be awarded on a competitive basis.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must conduct their studies at the **University of Pretoria** to commence in **2022**.
- Applicants must have **completed the degree that will give them admission** to a doctoral programme **no more than two years prior** to their application for the University of Pretoria Commonwealth Doctoral Scholarship.
- Applicants must **not be older than 35 years** of age at the time of application.
- PhD and Masters students currently registered at the University of Pretoria are **not** eligible for the Doctoral Scholarship.

## Selection will be based on:

- Academic performance.
- Potential to undertake advanced research activities.
- Leadership qualities.
- Evidence of research accomplishment at the masters' level by means of publications or other appropriate products of the work undertaken.
- Prizes and honours received.

## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS:

- The value of this Doctoral Scholarship will be **R170 000 p.a.** and must be used to cover the following student costs:  
Accommodation and living costs  
-Fees p.a.  
-Medical Aid  
-Books/Stationery  
-Flight ticket to RSA from home country on proof of study permit  
-Return flight ticket to home country at the end of the programme as confirmed by the faculty

- The holder of this scholarship may hold supplementary external bursaries/ grants/scholarships. **Maximum** value of awards allowed is **R300 000.00 p.a.** The UP PhD Commonwealth Scholarship must be the **primary award**.
- The scholarship funding will be for a maximum period of support of **three academic years**. Awardee to complete the Doctoral studies within the **minimum required period** of three academic years.
- An extension request will only be considered under **exceptional cases** by the incumbent submitting a written **motivation supported by the supervisor**.
- A selection process will be conducted by the **University's Institutional Selection Committee**. The University reserves the right to **amend without prior notice**, the regulations and scholarship values and/or conditions applicable to the awarding of this bursary.
- The **successful applicant** will be sent an **official award letter via-email**. Applicants, who have not received written notification by end of **November 2022** must consider themselves **unsuccessful**.

## HOW TO APPLY

In order to be considered for this scholarship, applicants must submit the following documents to the **Faculty Research Office** ([Natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za](mailto:Natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za)) as a single pdf document (**Subject heading: UP Commonwealth**):

- **Completed application form** for the UP PhD Commonwealth Scholarship (Attached).
- The UP Online **application Ref "T" number** or **2022 student number** provided to you by UP.
- A **written motivation** from the prospective **Doctoral supervisor** that applicant will be supervised by them and **research funding is available**.
- An outline (one A4 page), of the **proposed research work**.
- **Curriculum Vitae (CV)** – **no more than 3 pages**.
- **Proof that study leave will be granted** if the scholarship is awarded (if applicable).
- **Full academic transcripts** of all qualifications obtained (not certificates).
- Copy of **passport**.
- Completed **reference forms from two different academics/supervisors** who have current knowledge of the applicant's academic performance (Reference form attached).

**Note: Referee forms to be sent directly to [pgbursary@up.ac.za](mailto:pgbursary@up.ac.za)**

Application details can be found [here](#) and on the attached document.

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## CONTACTS FOR CALL QUERIES

Faculty contact person: **Mrs Natasha Jeftha** on **012 319 2378** ([Natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za](mailto:Natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za))

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