**SAMA RESEARCH MASTERS SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOLARSHIP**

The SA Medical Association wishes to encourage postgraduate research in the medical field, specifically with a view to promoting research and development in medicine for **medical doctors in South Africa**.

SAMA is therefore proud to offer the SAMA Research Masters Supplementary Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded on merit to the successful applicant who must be a South African citizen and a medical graduate of any university in South Africa who has started their Research Masters study **one year prior to the application for this scholarship**.

This excludes the Professional Masters degree such as the Masters in Medicine done as a requirement for specialist training.

The main selection criteria are the academic quality of the research proposal and the suitability of the project for the SA environment.

Master's Degree graduates in general must be able to reflect critically on theory and its application. They must be able to deal with complex issues both systematically and creatively, design and critically appraise research, make sound judgements using data and information at their disposal and communicate their conclusions clearly to specialist and non-specialist audiences, demonstrate self-direction and originality in tackling and solving problems, act autonomously in planning and implementing tasks with a theoretical underpinning and continue to advance their knowledge, understanding and skills.

The SAMA Research Masters Supplementary scholarship will be made available to 1 new student per year and the successful applicant will receive an award of R50 000 disbursed over two years.
 **The application must contain the following:**

1. Completed application form with a passport-size photograph attached;
2. Typed copy of curriculum-vitae (max of 2 pages);
3. Title of project and short abstract of research project (500 words) detailing the background, aims and objectives, research question and methods;
4. Proof of registration with an academic institution;
5. References from supervisor of the applicant. The referee’s title and academic status should be clearly indicated in this (with official rubber-stamp). These should be confidential (in sealed envelopes) and should be recent-dated

Applications will only be received between 6 August 2018 and 5 October 2018 and must be addressed to -

The SAMA Bursary Committee
P O Box 74789
Lynnwood Ridge
0040 **Email: karlienp@samedical.org**
Contact: 012- 481 2097

Successful candidates will be contacted by the latest on 5 December 2018, for an interview (in person or linked electronically).

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