INTRODUCTION

The University of Pretoria is a research intensive university. Hence, it 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 will be known as the University of Pretoria Commonwealth Doctoral Scholarship and will be awarded on a competitive basis.

The University of Pretoria has an established reputation for academic excellence, particularly in relation to its major research activities. Information about these research activities can be obtained from the website of the University:

Internet: www.up.ac.za/researchinnovation

1. Eligibility

- The UP Commonwealth Doctoral Scholarship will be awarded to applicants who are citizens of Commonwealth countries.
- Applicants must conduct their studies at the University of Pretoria.
- Applicants must have completed the degree that will give them admission to a doctoral programme no more than three 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.

2. Value of Doctoral Scholarship

The value of this Doctoral Scholarship will be R150 000 p.a.

This amount must be used to cover the following student costs:

2.1 Accommodation and living costs
2.2 Fees p.a.
2.2 Medical Aid
2.3 Books/Stationery

Note:

Research costs will be covered by the Supervisor

Additional costs covered by the University:

- 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.
- Shuttle service on arrival in South Africa from OR Tambo International Airport to Pretoria and return from Pretoria to OR Tambo on completion.
- Application fee and Visa costs which will be refunded on proof of receipts on arrival.

Costs not covered by the Institution:

- Family expenses
- Additional baggage expenses
3. **Supplementary Funds**

The holder of this scholarship may hold supplementary external bursaries/grants/scholarships.

4. **Period of support**

The scholarship will be for a maximum period of support of three academic years.

Doctoral students who are not able to complete within the maximum three academic year period due to unforeseeable reasons must provide a written motivation supported by their supervisor as to why an extension is necessary. The extension request will be considered by the University’s Institutional Selection Committee.

The motivation must also indicate the following:

4.1 The number of additional months that will be required (which may not exceed 12 months)
4.2 The research costs required for the extension period.
4.3 The amount of financial support the Supervisor can provide towards the extension period.

5. **Application Procedure**

In order to be considered for this scholarship, candidates must submit the following documentation to the University of Pretoria;

- Application form for the UP PhD Commonwealth Scholarship
  
  Attached to the application form the following:
  - The UP Online application Ref “T” number or 2018 student number
  - An agreement/motivation, from a suitable academic supervisor at the University, that the candidate can work under their supervision and that funding is available for research
  - An outline (one A4 page), of the research work that they wish to undertake
  - Curriculum Vitae (CV) – no more than 4 pages
  - Proof that study leave will be granted if successful in being awarded the 3 year award. (if applicable)
  - Copy of passport
  - Full academic transcripts of all qualifications obtained.

  Above documents to be sent as a single pdf to pgbursary@up.ac.za (Subject Heading: UP Commonwealth)

- 2 Letters of reference from academics/supervisors who have current knowledge of the applicant’s academic performance. Referees should be asked to comment on the following aspects of the candidate’s qualities:
  - Past academic performance
  - Research ability as evidenced by their Masters studies
  - Suitability for the study that is proposed
  - Potential in the chosen field of doctoral studies.

  **Note:** Referees to send directly to pgbursary@up.ac.za

6. **Terms and Conditions**

Support for the subsequent years will be subject to:

- submission of a progress report three months before the end of the each year of study,
• confirmation by the supervisor that the scholar’s progress is satisfactory supported by the Head of Academic Department in which the student is registered

**On completion of the degree the candidate will be expected to return to his/her home country.**

7. **Selection Criteria**

Award of this scholarship will be based on:

• Academic performance of the candidate.
• 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.

Selection of the candidates for this scholarships 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 informed by e-mail and official letter of award. Candidates, who have not received written notification within tenweeks of the closing date, must please contact the Postgraduate Scholarship Office: Leanne.vanzyl@up.ac.za

8. **Other Important Information**

• Ensure you have the required permission/leave from your work place to take up a three year scholarship at the time of applying, (if applicable)
• Ensure that you will be eligible to apply for a study permit.
• Ensure you are able to pay for the medical insurance that is required for a study permit.
• Apply concurrently to UP for 2018 admittance, while applying for this scholarship.

9. **Closing Date**

The closing date for 2018 is 18 September 2017

*No late and incomplete applications will be considered.*