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Applications for the Master's in Development Practice are now open



What's the degree about?

Africa needs development practitioners in government, business and civil society who understand the complexity of developmental challenges and who have the leadership capacities to design and implement the integrated and multidisciplinary Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The University of Pretoria's Master's in Development Practice (MDP@UP) addresses this need by delivering graduates with the knowledge, leadership competence and technical skills needed to the implement the SDGs.

The one-year MDP@UP uses a hybrid learning approach, introducing participants to the most relevant development theory and practice. This includes online and face-to-face learning, leadership service learning and case study write-up and analysis. The programme is truly multidisciplinary, and focuses on the social sciences, health sciences, management sciences and natural sciences.

The MDP@UP is hosted by the Albert Luthuli Centre for Responsible Leadership and is Africa's only programme that focuses on building leadership competence needed to implement the SDGs.

Why choose the MDP@UP?

The University of Pretoria (UP) is one of **Africa's leading research-intensive universities**. Its graduates are sought after in all industries. Its new Future Africa campus will strengthen UP's reputation. Future Africa is one of Africa's premier locations for interdisciplinary research to solve society's most pressing problems.

The programme is affiliated with the **Global Association of Master's in Development Practice**, co-ordinated by Columbia University in New York.

The Albert Luthuli Centre for Responsible Leadership hosts the South African SDG Hub, **Africa's first initiative that links policy makers with SDG-relevant research and innovation**. MDP@UP participants will be involved in activities co-ordinated by the SA SDG Hub.

The programme focuses on **participants who are already in fulltime employment**. This enables participants to apply theory to their work environment and to build lasting networks.

Pretoria is a **continental hub for development** actors in government, business and civil society.

MDP@UP participants will be taught by **world class faculty from industry and academia**.



Who should apply?

MDP@UP seeks to attract diverse and exceptional participants. To apply, you should be able to prove the following:

- A completed undergraduate degree with proof of exceptional undergraduate academic performance;
- Exceptional motivation;
- Minimum of five years' work experience.

How should you apply?

The MDP@UP uses a two-step selection process.

Step 1: All interested candidates

- **Submit an application** on www.up.ac.za/apply. Indicate that you're interested in a postgraduate degree. In order to find the degree, search for 'Development Practice'.
- After you've submitted an online application, send the **following documents** to sdg@up.ac.za:
 - (i) your motivation for applying (no more than 500 words);
 - (ii) a resume (no more than 2 pages); and
 - (iii) proof that you've been employed for five years or more.

Step 2: Only provisionally selected candidates

- Provisionally selected candidates will be required to successfully complete an online course before **30 November 2019**. Logistics will be communicated directly to provisionally selected candidates.
- The final selection will be made from candidates who have completed the course.
- **Please note: Due to competitive selection process, successful completion of step 1 does not guarantee final selection.**

Key application dates and provisional schedule for 2020

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| 1 April 2019 | Applications open |
| 31 August 2019 | Application close |
| 6 September 2019 | Provisionally selected candidates announced |
| 30 November 2019 | Online course completed |
| 6 December 2019 | MDP@UP participants announced |
| 3 – 5 February 2020 | First contact session |
| 5 – 12 May 2020 | Second contact session |
| 11 – 18 August 2020 | Third contact session |



What are the costs?

Tuition is estimated at R60 000 – R65 000

You will be responsible for travel to and accommodation in Pretoria, South Africa. It should also be noted that the amounts mentioned are for both international and South African students.

Contact us

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