

Learning Programme for Doctoral Programmes in Management Sciences
Focus: Management Sciences

Applications are now being accepted

Important web links: <http://www.up.ac.za/en/school-of-public-management-and-administration/article/42650/postgraduate>

We are pleased to announce that we are accepting applications for the learning programme for doctoral degrees in the field of Management Sciences.

Applications are being accepted for the PhD in Public Administration and Management for students beginning study in January 2023. While most doctoral programmes on the continent follow a “one student one supervisor” approach, which includes mainly self-study, our programme at the University of Pretoria includes one year of structured seminars. Seminars include training in theory and the body of academic literature pertaining to Management Sciences, and in quantitative and qualitative research methods. Seminars are led by globally renowned scholars from the University of Pretoria and leading international academic institutions. Note that all doctoral degrees offered by the SPMA in 2023 will follow this learning programme.

We are looking for outstanding students to join this innovative programme. Applicants must have excellent English writing skills and excellent maths ability, as students will be expected to write academic journal articles and perform quantitative statistical analyses as well as qualitative data analyses. Students will be required to attend compulsory seminars held at the University of Pretoria Hatfield campus over 16 weekends in 2023. These weekends will include full day Friday and full day Saturday seminars. Take note that dependent on Covid-19 regulations, seminars could be offered online. It is expected that students will complete their degree in three years.

Our programme will make a substantial investment in the skills development of students. Thus, we are looking for self-motivated applicants who are interested in becoming scholars in South Africa or internationally. In deciding whether the School of Public Management and Administration is suitable for completing your doctoral studies, please consider your career goals, **and also review the research interests of the faculty members in the School**. Links to the research of the staff in the School of Public Management and Administration can be found here: <https://www.up.ac.za/school-of-public-management-and-administration/article/42713/research-focus-areas>

As a general recommendation, there should be a match between your particular research interests and those of the School. Please note supervisor capacity is limited. Only six (6) students in total will be accepted for 2023 in the following thematic areas for the Management Sciences focus area:

- Gender studies
- Organisational studies
- Public Financial Management
- Food security and livelihoods
- Public Sector Leadership
- Public Sector Human Resource Management
- Public Sector Ethics
- Co-production/citizen engagement
- International Administration
- Local Government

The application process is three tiered:

1. Apply to UP (online). [Click here](#)
2. Apply to the SPMA (Departmental application form). [Click here](#)
3. Selection will commence after the closing date of 30 September 2022. Shortlisted candidates' writing skills will be assessed and interviews will be conducted either in person or digitally.

Students with international qualifications need to take note of the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) requirements as explained in the SPMA departmental application form.

Closing date for all applications for both international and South African citizens is 30 September 2022. Successful applicants will be notified by November 2022 at the latest.