

Learning Programme for Doctoral Programmes in Management Sciences

Focus: Public Policy

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 with specific focus on Public Policy.

Applications are being accepted for the PhD in Public Policy for students beginning study in January 2023. While most doctoral programmes on the continent follow a “one student one supervisor” approach, which is mainly self-study, our programme at the University of Pretoria follows a hybrid approach. Seminars include training in Public policy theory, Economics, Gender, Leadership, Public Administration, and quantitative and qualitative research methods. Seminars are led by globally renowned scholars from the University of Pretoria and leading international academic institutions. This structured first year programme will assist students to prepare for writing their PhD dissertations by innovatively enhancing students’ grounding in the interdisciplinary practice of public policy and deepening their research competencies. The programme also imparts knowledge and skills in communication and scholarly publishing as well as leadership in pedagogical practice to enable the next generation academics, researchers and policy practitioners to contribute to national and global development.

We are looking for outstanding students to join this innovative, blended 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. Requirements for this programme include, academic qualifications as per the year book requirements, a clear research and public policy focus.

Seminars will be offered in the first year of study via online and weekly face-to-face sessions (dependent on Covid-19 regulations) using a hybrid mode during the first year of study. During the second and third year of studies, students will focus on writing their PhD theses. It is expected that students will complete their degree in three years.

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. Prospective students are strongly encouraged to choose topics that fall within the Sustainable Development Goals. 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 at least one of the School staff. Please note supervisory capacity is limited. A maximum of six (6) PhD students will be accepted for 2023.

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