

COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS TENABLE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA 2015

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

Intranet: <http://web.up.ac.za/default.asp?ipkCategoryID=8919&language=0>

Internet: <http://web.up.ac.za/default.asp?ipkCategoryID=1630>

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 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 R120 000 in 2015.

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

- 2.1 Accommodation and living costs
- 2.2 Medical Aid
- 2.3 Books/Stationery

Note: Fees will be covered by the award from the UP Postgraduate Scholarship
Research costs will be covered by the Supervisor

Additional costs covered by the University:

- Return flight ticket from home country
- 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 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 (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;

- An agreement and motivation, from a suitable academic supervisor at the University, that the candidate can work under their supervision.
- An outline (one A4 page), of the research work that they wish to undertake
- A completed and signed UP Application Form can be downloaded from the following link:

<http://web.up.ac.za/Application2014.asp?ipkCategoryID=16904&language=0>

- Curriculum Vitae (CV) – no more than 4 pages
- Two certified passport copies
- Full academic transcripts of all qualifications obtained.
- 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 Leanne.vanzyl@up.ac.za

Required documentation should be submitted together with the *UP Application Form* to the Consultant at the Client Service Centre **and to** the proposed supervisor:

Mrs Leanne van Zyl
Client Service Centre
Postgraduate Scholarship Office
University of Pretoria
Lynnwood Road
Pretoria, 0002
South Africa

Email: Leanne.vanzyl@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 these scholarships will be conducted by the University's Institutional Selection Committee.

The successful applicant will be informed by e-mail and official letter of acceptance. Candidates, who have not received written notification within eight weeks of the closing date, must please contact the Client Service Centre : Leanne.vanzyl@up.ac.za

8. Closing Date

The closing date for the 2015 Academic year is 18 August 2014

Please quote "UP Commonwealth Scholarship" on your application when applying for this scholarship.

No late and incomplete applications will be considered.