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# Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies

The Trust invites applications for one scholarship covering tuition fees, return air fare, accommodation and living costs for 12 months (October 2013 to September 2014) to enable a graduate from southern Africa to study for a

## Taught Master's Degree at Durham University, England

An application form and further details have been sent to your University. These may be photocopied for use by candidates. The application form and further information can also be downloaded from the Trust's website:

<http://www.dur.ac.uk/ruthfirst.trust>

Completed forms and references should be returned by

**1 March 2013** to:

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*The Ruth First Educational Trust was established to enable members of historically disadvantaged communities in South Africa to study at the University of Durham. A fund for this purpose has existed since the 1960s, and in 1982 it was renamed in memory of Ruth First, who taught at the University during her exile from South Africa until she was assassinated in Mozambique. The fund is financed by donations from students, staff, other supporters in Durham, trade unions and Durham County Council. After 1994, the focus shifted to the funding of postgraduate study, and since 2007 the geographical scope has been extended to accept applications from other countries in southern Africa as well as the Republic of South Africa (Lesotho, Swaziland, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Angola, Zambia and Malawi).*



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## **Ruth First Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies at Durham Information for Applicants**

The Trust plans to offer, in the academic year 2013-14, a scholarship to support a student from southern Africa taking a one-year taught course leading to the award of a Master's degree at the University of Durham.

### **Eligibility**

You should:

- (a) hold a relevant honours degree of sufficient standard to be admitted to your chosen Master's course (further conditions apply to the MBA programme), and
- (b) not hold a Master's degree, nor have previously studied at a university outside southern Africa, and
- (c) show evidence of active involvement in and commitment to voluntary work for the benefit of causes such as rural or urban community development; young people or educational projects; charitable organizations; health or AIDS awareness projects; student welfare or guidance. If you have a paid job that involves working in such areas, you should show evidence of leadership and commitment beyond the requirements of the job.

English language requirements for international students coming to study in the UK were tightened in 2011. The person selected for the Ruth First Scholarship will need to provide evidence of possessing a qualification in English language that meets the minimum requirement for the programme applied for. The general minimum set by the UK Government is Level B2 in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Requirements for particular programmes at Durham are listed online at: <http://www.dur.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/1.3.2/1.3.2.2/>. If you already have a suitable qualification (such as Cambridge English, IELTS, TOEFL or Pearson Test of Academic English), send a scan of the certificate with your application. If you haven't, don't do anything about it now: we'll sort this out with the successful applicant.

If you are employed, or receiving a grant or sponsorship, you must be able to provide written evidence that an agreement has been made with your employer or sponsor approving your absence for the period of the Scholarship and confirming any arrangements for continued payment of salary or sponsorship.

The Trust aims to award the Scholarship to individuals who not only have the academic and personal qualities to enable them to complete and benefit from a postgraduate course, but who will also act as positive ambassadors for their home countries in Durham and put their enhanced knowledge and skills to good use for the benefit of the societies to which they return.

### **Value**

The University, with the agreement of the Department concerned, will award a tuition fee scholarship covering the full fees for the programme chosen. Through a Gift Agreement between the Trust and the University, the Scholar will receive a monthly allowance to cover living and incidental expenses for 12 months, as well as free accommodation and meals at St Chad's College (the cost of which is shared between the Trust and the College). In 2012-13 the allowance is £500 per month and the value of the full-board accommodation is approximately £430 per month.

The Scholar will also receive a settling-in allowance on arrival and a contribution to the cost of sending belongings home before departure if necessary. The Trust will pay for one return air ticket from the home country to the UK and the cost of return travel between the UK airport and Durham City. The Trust cannot provide additional support for dependants, nor for travel during the period of the Scholarship.

The Scholar is required to attend all taught components of the chosen course and complete all assignments prescribed, including a dissertation. The normal starting date for most Masters programmes is the beginning of October.

### **How to apply**

Application forms (5 pages plus 2 reference forms) have been sent to universities in southern Africa, and may be photocopied as required. We prefer to receive applications in word-processed form: please download the application form (as a Word document) from the Trust's website:

[www.dur.ac.uk/ruthfirst.trust/apply.htm](http://www.dur.ac.uk/ruthfirst.trust/apply.htm)

The application and references may be submitted by fax or as e-mail attachments. Originals of academic results transcripts should be sent by post or scanned and sent as e-mail attachments. Completed applications should be sent to Dr Mike Thompson at the address at the top of this page by **1 March 2013**.

Available courses are listed on the University's website:

<https://www.dur.ac.uk/courses/all/> (Select 'Postgraduate Taught')

**NB** Do not submit a formal application to Durham University in the hope of winning the Ruth First Scholarship. There are likely to be at least 60 applicants for the Scholarship and there is only one award. The successful candidate will complete the University application process once the Trust has made its selection and consulted the Department concerned.

Enquiries about applications may be sent to [m.p.thompson@durham.ac.uk](mailto:m.p.thompson@durham.ac.uk). The name of the successful applicant will be announced on the RFET website (we are unable to send individual notifications to unsuccessful applicants).

Further details of particular programmes and general information about postgraduate study at Durham can be found on the University's website: [www.dur.ac.uk/study/postgraduate](http://www.dur.ac.uk/study/postgraduate). There are also pages providing information for prospective international students: [www.dur.ac.uk/international/prospectivestudents](http://www.dur.ac.uk/international/prospectivestudents). Official visa information is available on the UK Border Agency's website: [www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/studying/adult-students](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/studying/adult-students).

### **Further information for applicants**

Further information about the Ruth First Educational Trust, the University and the City of Durham can be found on the Trust's website:

[www.dur.ac.uk/ruthfirst.trust/apply.htm](http://www.dur.ac.uk/ruthfirst.trust/apply.htm)

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