

NRF Free-Standing - 2015



Masters and Doctoral Scholarships

The programme supports South African citizens registered on a **full-time** basis at public higher education institutions (HEIs).

A small number of scholarships are also made available to South African students who wish to pursue their doctoral studies on a full-time basis at recognised universities abroad.

Areas of Support

- Area of Science, Engineering and Technology (80%)
- Social Sciences and Humanities (20%)

Value of the Scholarships

In 2015 the scholarship amounts will be as follows:

Masters Scholarship	Doctoral Scholarships	Doctoral Abroad
R40 000 p.a	R60 000 p.a	R220 000 p.a

Masters' awards will be allocated as a block grant to universities/institutions.

Applications should be submitted online at <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za>

Successful candidates may apply for a once-off travel grant up to a maximum amount of R5000.

This grant may be used to cover research related travel costs; such as conference/ workshop attendance or visit to a laboratory during the funding period.

A travel grant application needs to be completed to be considered for any travel grant and the guidelines, terms and conditions related to travel will apply

Eligibility

- Scholarships are open to **South African citizens and permanent residents.**
- Full time employees of Higher Education Institutions are not eligible to apply.
- Scholarship-holders are allowed to hold non-binding supplementary grants or emoluments up to the university capped value for the level of study.
- Scholarship-holders must not hold full-time salaried employment during the tenure of the award.
- The Scholarship-holder will be allowed to undertake a maximum of 12 hours of teaching, tutorials, assistance or demonstration duties per week on average during the year of study; they may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they are reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institution tariff for services rendered

Equity

In line with the national imperative of equity and redress, scholarship funds will be allocated with an attempt to meet the set targets of 80% Blacks, 55% Females and 4% to students with disabilities

Conditions of award for the Free-Standing Bursary Scheme

- The award of a scholarship to a student will be based on past, current and potential academic performance. Selection criteria will include academic merit, research potential, leadership qualities and previous awards, various prizes and honours.

- In addition to the above criteria, the award of the scholarship will be based on the feasibility and merit of the applicant's research project proposal.
- Successful students who are offered the scholarship by the NRF are required to complete and sign the scholarship agreement which will be communicated at the time of the award.
- A list of successful candidates will be published on the NRF website as soon as the internal NRF approval processes for the award are finalised.

How to apply for funding

Applicants can apply by following the steps below:

- Applications must be submitted through an online application process to the National Research Foundation.
- **Applicants can apply for the NRF- Free-Standing Masters and Doctoral Scholarship Call for 2015 by accessing the link: <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za/>**
- **Register/ Login using your ID number and password.**
- Select create new application from the list of existing calls.
- Select the call for which you are applying to: **NRF- Free-Standing Masters and Doctoral Scholarship Call for 2015.**
- Remember to complete all sections of the application.
- Please attach the necessary documents **in one PDF file in the following order: ID document and certified academic transcripts.**
- Should you not follow the guidelines for attaching the necessary documents, your application will not be considered.
- Remember to **submit** your application on completion.
- Complete applications will go to the host university for verification before being forwarded to the NRF for further processing.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be considered (refer to details on eligibility for the NRF- Free-Standing Masters and Doctoral programme).
- Please contact the university postgraduate office if you have any queries. Leanne.vanzyl@up.ac.za or mpai.mphunngo@up.ac.za

University of Pretoria's internal closing date
4 August 2014.