

INSTANT INFO: NWU Masters & Doctoral Bursary Scheme 2018

Web address for application forms

Mafikeng, Potchefstroom, Vaal Triangle: <http://www.nwu.ac.za/postgraduate-bursaries>

The NWU postgraduate bursary scheme aims to provide financial support to promising postgraduate students who cannot afford tertiary education and to give recognition to students who perform well academically. The NWU postgraduate bursary scheme is in line with the strategic objectives of the University as explained in the Institutional Plan.

NB: ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS ONLY

A NWU MASTERS BURSARY

Bursary Conditions

1. The bursary is available only to postgraduate students who register for a **first**, prescribed Masters' course unit. Students registered for occasional studies do not qualify.
2. Application for the bursary must be done annually on the prescribed application form before or on **31 March 2018**.
3. Masters students are allowed to receive bursaries from one or more sources. There is no limitation on the amount of the Masters bursary.
4. Students from other universities must attach an academic record of the preceding qualifying degree.
5. The bursary amount is repayable if a student fails to comply with any of the conditions, terminates studies or does not complete the course within the prescribed period.
6. The University reserves the right, should circumstances be justified, to alter the guidelines, conditions and values of the bursary without prior notice to the applicant.
7. *The bursary will be awarded as follows:*
 - 7.1 To qualify applicants must have achieved an **average of at least 60%** for all modules/subjects during the preceding, completed Honours degree. Students who have obtained a four-year B-degree in BIng, BPharm, MMus or BArt et Science in Town and Regional Planning also qualify. Academic records of the previous completed degree must be attached. Certificates only is not valid.
 - 7.2 Part-time students and working students may apply for a 50% allocation of the NWU postgraduate bursary (working students are defined as students who work for an employer, earning a salary and where work is the main activity).
 - 7.3 The bursary is **valid for two (2) years** only. **R24 000** per year will be awarded for full time students - the total bursary value over 2 years is **R48 000**.
 - 7.4 All students from the **SECOND YEAR** of the degree apply for the **Masters Progress Bursary**: For the Progress Bursary the prescribed Progress Report, completed by the study leader, must be attached to the application. This report serves as a recommendation of academic progress. If the student didn't previously received a NWU Masters Bursary the student must attach the academic script of the preceding qualifying degree **also** to verify the average of 60%. Incomplete applications do not qualify.
 - 7.5 If a Masters student, after completing the degree, immediately enrolls for Doctoral studies, R20 200 will be carried over to the first year of Doctoral studies. If the student does not enroll for Doctoral studies the bursary value remains only R20 200.
 - 7.6 Bursary holders must complete the Masters degree within a **minimum grace period of three (3) years**.

B NWU DOCTORAL BURSARY

Bursary Conditions

1. The bursary is available only to postgraduate students who register for a **first**, prescribed Doctoral course unit. Students registered for occasional studies do not qualify.
2. Application for the bursary must be done annually on the prescribed application before or on **31 March 2018**.
3. Doctoral degree students are allowed to receive bursaries from one or more sources. There is no limitation on the amount of the Doctoral bursary.
4. The bursary amount is repayable if a student fails to comply with any of the conditions, terminates studies or does not complete the course within the prescribed period.
5. The University reserves the right, should circumstances be justified, to alter the guidelines, conditions and values of the bursary without prior notice to the applicant.
6. *The bursary will be awarded as follows:*
 - 6.1 To qualify applicants must have achieved an **average of at least 60%** for all modules/subjects during the preceding, completed Masters' degree. Academic records of the previous completed degree must be attached – certificates of degree only is not acceptable.
 - 6.2 Part-time students and working students may apply for a 50% allocation of the NWU postgraduate bursary (Working students are defined as students who work for an employer, earning a salary and where work is the main activity).
 - 6.3 The bursary is **valid for three (3) years** only. **R26 000** per year will be awarded for full time students - the total bursary value over 2 years is **R78 000**.

- 6.4 All students from the **SECOND YEAR** of the degree apply for the **Doctoral Progress Bursary**: For the Progress Bursary the prescribed **Progress Report**, completed by the study leader, **MUST** be attached to the application. This report serves as a recommendation of academic progress. If the student did not previously receive a NWU Doctoral Bursary the student **MUST** attach the academic script of the preceding qualifying degree also to verify the average of 60%. Incomplete applications are invalid.
- 6.5 Bursary holders must complete the Doctoral degree within a **minimum grace period of five (5) years**.

C NWU POSTGRADUATE ACADEMIC MERIT BURSARY

The NWU Postgraduate Academic Bursary is *supplementary* to all other postgraduate bursaries and is awarded for academic achievement.

Bursary Conditions

1. The bursary is available only to postgraduate students who register for a **first**, prescribed postgraduate course unit. Students registered for occasional studies do not qualify.
2. The bursary will be awarded *only once in the first year* of the postgraduate course unit.
3. The Academic Merit Bursary for registered NWU students is automatically calculated and awarded each year. The Academic Merit Bursary for *students from other Universities is not calculated and awarded automatically – these students must apply for the bursary on the prescribed form* before or on the closing date as specified.
4. The bursary amount is repayable if a student fails to comply with any of the conditions, terminates studies or does not complete the course within the prescribed period stipulated for the NWU Postgraduate Bursary Scheme.
5. The University reserves the right, should circumstances be justified, to alter the guidelines, conditions and values of the bursary without prior notice to the applicant.
6. *The bursary will be awarded as follows:*
 - 6.1 To qualify applicants must have achieved a minimum **average of 75%** for all final subjects/modules during the preceding, completed degree. Academic records of the previous qualifying degree will be taken into consideration when calculating the average. Certificates only are not valid.
 - 6.2 Bursary holders must complete the postgraduate degree within the **minimum grace period** stipulated by the NWU Postgraduate Bursary Scheme.

MERIT BURSARY VALUES	
Average %	Bursary R
95 - 100	5 000
90 - 94,99	4 500
85 - 89,99	4 000
80 - 84,99	3 500
75 - 79,99	3 000

Please Note

- ✓ Students in the **FIRST YEAR** of a Masters or Doctoral degree apply for die Masters or Doctoral Bursary. Students must attach the **academic script** of the preceding qualifying degree to the application form.
- ✓ Students from the **SECOND YEAR** of the degree applying for the Masters or Doctoral Progress Bursary: Attach the prescribed **Progress Report** to your application.
- ✓ Incomplete applications are invalid and may lead to disapproval of the application.
- ✓ The NWU Postgraduate Bursary and Academic Merit Bursary are **TWO SEPARATE APPLICATIONS**.

Closing date: 31 March 2018

Submit applications forms as soon as possible for timely qualification.
Late applications will only be considered with a recommendation from the study leader.

Send application and direct your bursary enquiries to your campus of registration: FINANCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES OFFICE

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