POSTGRADUATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SCHOLARSHIPS AT WITS
Online Applications

Application forms for all awards in this publication are available on our website, www.wits.ac.za/financialaid/postgraduate/forms and online, www.wits.ac.za/mywits

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About this booklet

The Postgraduate Financial Assistance and Scholarships booklet is produced by the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office (FASO) at Wits University. The booklet contains information of sources of internal (managed by Wits) and external (managed by independent organisations) funding opportunities in order to assist postgraduate students financially (at Honours, Masters and Doctorate level). The publication and its information are relevant and applicable to the years in which the bursary or scholarship information is tenable, or as indicated.

While care has been taken to ensure accuracy and detailed information about bursaries and all information contained is accurate at the time of print, it remains the responsibility of the reader to act according to the information provided in the guide. Unless otherwise stated, FASO does not act as liaison between a student and external funding organisations.
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1. EXPLANATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS, MERIT AWARDS, EXTERNAL FUNDING AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Postgraduate Merit Awards
A Postgraduate Merit Award is available to assist graduates to complete their Honours, Masters and PhD degree by research or by a combination of course work and research on a full-time or part-time basis. These awards are for students with an excellent academic record.

Wits Bursaries
Financially needy students who did not qualify for the Postgraduate Merit Award can apply for a Wits Bursary. The Wits Bursaries will act as top up funding in some cases. Full-time and part-time students are eligible.

External Statutory Postgraduate Funding
Students may apply for additional funding for Honours, Masters and PhD registration through other statutory bodies, e.g. NRF

Financial Assistance (NSFAS)
Postgraduate Financial Assistance is available to assist South African citizens to complete full-time Postgraduate Diplomas and Honours degrees if they cannot access postgraduate scholarships or merit awards.

Outside Funding / Bank Loans / Bursaries
Most banks offer students loans. Details are directly available from the financial institutions. A number of organisations offer loans. E.g. Eduloan

Postgraduate Travel Grants
Travel grants are available to assist postgraduate students with top up funding to attend conferences in South Africa, elsewhere in Africa and in exceptional circumstances international conferences. This grant depends on availability of funds. Only three students per faculty will qualify.

2. MAXIMUM POSTGRADUATE FUNDING

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<td>PhD</td>
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If a student receives funding, regardless of source, which is more than the maximum value allocations, he/she will be required to return the funding made from the University (FASO) sources.
### 3. SCHEDULE OF AWARDS AND ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR HONOURS, MASTERS AND PHD STUDY

#### 3.1 Postgraduate Merit Awards

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<td>Postgraduate Merit Award</td>
<td>Tuition fees to a maximum of</td>
<td>Applications are online. Students need to use the student self service to apply for the postgraduate merit</td>
<td>All nationalities. Full-time</td>
<td><strong>For Honours:</strong> only the two most recent years of study will be considered and a</td>
<td>No award will be made if the student exceeds the maximum level of funding from an</td>
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<td>Full-time</td>
<td>R45 000 + stipend Honours R7</td>
<td>and closing dates</td>
<td>students only.</td>
<td>weighted mark of 65% obtained.</td>
<td>external source (PhD R180 000; Masters R150 000 and Hons R100 000). A student</td>
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<td>000 Masters R7 800</td>
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<td><strong>For Masters:</strong> an Honours mark of at least 70%.</td>
<td>pursuing a concurrent joint Honours would be eligible for full funding of first</td>
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<td>PhD R10 000</td>
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<td><strong>For PhD,</strong> a student needs to have completed Masters in 2 years full-time or 3</td>
<td>degree and 75% for the other one.</td>
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<td>years part-time to be accepted into the programme.</td>
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<td>Closing dates: 31 Oct – Jan/Apr intake 30 Apr – Jul/Sept intake</td>
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<td><strong>NB:</strong> Honours students will be rated. Please see process of allocating of PMA</td>
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<td>Postgraduate Merit Award Part-time</td>
<td>Tuition fees to a maximum of R45 000. No stipends.</td>
<td>Applications are online. Students need to use the student self service to apply for the postgraduate merit award. <a href="http://www.wits.ac.za/mywits">www.wits.ac.za/mywits</a></td>
<td>All nationalities. Part-time students only. Gross income should not exceed R250 000.</td>
<td>For Honours: only the two most recent years of study will be considered and a weighted mark of 65% obtained. For Masters: an Honours mark of at least 70%. For PhD, a student needs to have completed Masters in 2 years full-time or 3 years part-time to be accepted into the programme. NB: Honours students will be rated. Please see process of allocating of PMA Awards.</td>
<td>Part-time students, a gross income threshold of R250 000 p/a will be used to determine eligibility. A means application will be used to determine eligibility. No award will be made if the student exceeds the maximum level of funding from an external source (PhD R180 000; Masters R150 000 and Honours R100 000).</td>
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<td>Honours to PhD 5 year scholarship</td>
<td>Tuition fees to a maximum of R45 000 + R10 000 stipend + secure funding for each successful award of qualification with the aim of getting a PhD degree in 5 years.</td>
<td>Application forms to be submitted by 30 November.</td>
<td>All nationalities. Full-time students only. Registration in January only.</td>
<td>Guaranteed funding for academically good students: 65% and above for the two most recent years of study for Honours. Renewal applications will be based on maintaining a good academic record. Masters students need to obtain 70% in their Honours year and for PhD, a student needs to have completed their Masters within 2 years.</td>
<td>No award will be made if the student exceeds the maximum level of funding from an external source (PhD R180 000; Masters R150 000 and Honours R100 000).</td>
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<td>Postgraduate Travel Grants Local &amp; Overseas</td>
<td>Varies according to each scholarship and the availability of funds.</td>
<td>Application forms available at the Financial Aid Office and on the Financial Aid website. Closing date varies per conference date. Please refer to page 20. Incomplete applications will not be considered.</td>
<td>All nationalities. Full-time students only.</td>
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3.2 Wits Bursaries

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<td>Wits Bursaries</td>
<td>Awards are determined according to the budget available. Tuition fees must be settled first before the funding can be used for other purposes; (accommodation, living and study expenses).</td>
<td>Students must apply online on the student self service: <a href="http://www.wits.ac.za/mywits">www.wits.ac.za/mywits</a></td>
<td>All nationalities. Part-time and full-time students.</td>
<td>These bursaries are for students with a demonstrated financial need and who have shown strong performance as follows: Honours students who obtained a mark of at least 65% as a weighted average of the two most recent years of study, Masters students who obtained an Honours mark of at least 65%, PhD students who have completed their Masters within 3 years.</td>
<td>Financially needy students. Students need to fill in a Financial Declaration Form and supply the necessary supporting documents. The Financial Declaration Form is available on the second page of the Terms and Conditions when applying, as well as on the Wits Financial Aid website.</td>
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<td>Stella and Paul Lowenstein Charitable and Educational Trust</td>
<td>R40 000 per student. Closing date: 30 November. Applications available on the website: <a href="http://www.wits.ac.za/financialaid">www.wits.ac.za/financialaid</a></td>
<td>All decisions pertaining to awards are decided by the Advisory Board and Trustees at their discretion.</td>
<td>Full-time students only.</td>
<td>Top 4 medical students enrolled for Masters by Dissertation and PhD. The student must be recommended by their Supervisor.</td>
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### 3.3 External Statutory Funding

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<td>NRF Honours Block Grants</td>
<td>Varies according to specific funds.</td>
<td>Students need to download the application form from the Financial Aid website and submit it to the Financial Aid Office before 30 November.</td>
<td>Mostly South Africans and for Innovation. Students with permanent residence are taken into consideration. Full-time students only.</td>
<td>A range of conditions.</td>
<td>Andrea Ogle 011 717 1310 <a href="mailto:andrea.ogle@wits.ac.za">andrea.ogle@wits.ac.za</a></td>
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<td>NRF Square Kilometre Array</td>
<td>Varies according to specific funds.</td>
<td>Students need to apply online directly to NRF. <a href="https://nrfsubmission.nrf.org.za">https://nrfsubmission.nrf.org.za</a> Closing date: 31 July</td>
<td>South African citizens only.</td>
<td>BSc Honours: majoring in Astronomy/ Astrophysics, Mathematics and Physics and Bachelor of Science Electrical Engineering. A minimum of 60% in the Majors</td>
<td>Waheeda Bala 011 717 1236 <a href="mailto:waheeda.bala@wits.ac.za">waheeda.bala@wits.ac.za</a></td>
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<td>NRF (Free-standing/ Innovation and Scarce Skills) Masters</td>
<td>Varies according to specific funds.</td>
<td>Masters and PhD applications to NRF directly. <a href="https://nrfsubmission.nrf.org.za">https://nrfsubmission.nrf.org.za</a> Closing date: 30 July (funding for the following year)</td>
<td>Innovation. South African citizens and permanent residents. A small percentage is awarded to non-SA citizens. Full-time students only.</td>
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<td>Waheeda Bala 011 717 1236 <a href="mailto:waheeda.bala@wits.ac.za">waheeda.bala@wits.ac.za</a></td>
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<td>NRF PhD</td>
<td>R40 000 - R80 000</td>
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<td>DAAD</td>
<td>MSc R60 000</td>
<td>Online applications through NRF online system.</td>
<td>An age limit of 36 years. All fields of study that have a strong relevance to the national development of the country.</td>
<td>Waheeda Bala 011 717 1236 <a href="mailto:waheeda.bala@wits.ac.za">waheeda.bala@wits.ac.za</a></td>
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<td>PhD R90 000</td>
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<td>SA citizens. SA permanent residents have to be employed by the University to qualify. 65% accumulative grade average and above.</td>
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<td>Closing date: 30 July.</td>
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<td>MRC</td>
<td>R40 000 MSc</td>
<td>Online applications through NRF online system.</td>
<td>MSc students must hold an Honours degree and show potential to develop into a researcher. PhD students will be selected based on the scientific merit of the project.</td>
<td>Waheeda Bala 011 717 1236 <a href="mailto:waheeda.bala@wits.ac.za">waheeda.bala@wits.ac.za</a></td>
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<td>R60 000 PhD</td>
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<td>Closing date: July/August. Please check website: <a href="http://www.mrc.ac.za">www.mrc.ac.za</a></td>
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<td>Harold and Doris Tothill</td>
<td>Amount is determined by a committee and available funding.</td>
<td>Closing date: 31 March</td>
<td>Full-time students only. Masters and PhD. All nationalities.</td>
<td>Vinesha Singh 011 717 1078 <a href="mailto:vinesha.singh@wits.ac.za">vinesha.singh@wits.ac.za</a></td>
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<td>Mandela Rhodes Scholarship</td>
<td>Externally determined.</td>
<td>Applications open 1 May at the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office. Application closing date: 15 June. Applications are online <a href="http://www.mandelanlrophiles.org/">www.mandelanlrophiles.org/</a></td>
<td>Full-time students only. Citizens of African countries. Registered Wits students only. Honours and Masters Degrees. Younger than 30 years.</td>
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<td>Externally determined. Please check website for criteria: <a href="http://www.mandelanlrophiles.org/">www.mandelanlrophiles.org/</a></td>
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### 3.3 NSFAS Funding for Postgraduate Students

**Contact details:**
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<td>NSFAS</td>
<td>Externally determined.</td>
<td>South African citizens. Closing date: 30 September Apply online: <a href="http://www.wits.ac.za/applications">www.wits.ac.za/applications</a></td>
<td>Full-time students only.</td>
<td>A range of conditions.</td>
<td>Honours provided for only 1 year and must meet NSFAS criteria and based on availability of funds.</td>
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### 3.5 Externally Administered Overseas Funding

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<td>Commonwealth Scholarship</td>
<td>Externally determined.</td>
<td>UK university. Applications open end of August. Closing date early November. (Subject to change according to the donor and call for applications). APPLY ONLINE <a href="http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply">http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply</a></td>
<td>South Africa's only. Full-time students only. Masters/PhD.</td>
<td>Externally determined.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rhodes Scholarship</td>
<td>Full Tuition and Accommodation.</td>
<td>Applications open in May and close on 15 August.</td>
<td>Students applying to Oxford University.</td>
<td>Externally determined.</td>
<td>Please consult the website for more details. <a href="http://www.Rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk">www.Rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk</a></td>
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4. POSTGRADUATE MERIT AWARDS

4.1 Postgraduate Merit Awards Full-Time

The aim of the University Postgraduate Merit Award (PMA) is to assist graduates to complete Honours, Masters or PhD degrees by research or by a combination of course work and research on both a full-time and part-time basis. Tuition fees to a maximum of R45 000 will be awarded to students who qualify.

Please note that the PMA does not pay for international registration fees, copyright fees, notes, clubs and parking.

PMA Stipends

Students on PMA will qualify for the following stipends:
- Honours R7000
- Masters R7800
- PhD R10 000

The payment of stipends is made in four instalments. Students need to submit a claim form to the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office on or after:
15th March, 1st May, 1st August and the 1st November.

The claim form must be endorsed by the Head of School to the effect that:
- The student has been present and working in the School for a specified number of hours.
- No credits will be carried over to the following year regardless of extended registration.

School duties

- Students in receipt of a PMA are required to perform six-hour duties per week, which will be allocated to him/her by the Head of School.
- Duties must be of an academic or professionally related nature so that the student derives benefit from the work.

An extension of a degree is not funded by a Postgraduate Merit Award.

Closing dates:
A student must submit a completed application form by:
- 31 October for REGISTRATION in January / April (1st Intake) or
- 30 April for REGISTRATION in July / September (2nd Intake)
Please note that you will need to apply for the July intake before the closing date if you do not register for the January/April intake.

**The Postgraduate Merit Award falls away if:**

- A PhD student has received external funding to the maximum of R180 000.
- A Masters student has received external funding to the maximum value of R150 000.
- An Honours student has received external funding to the maximum value of R100 000.
- A Postgraduate Merit Awardee has not worked the required six hours per week at a university school or department.
- A student has a staff bursary or an external bursary, however the student will still qualify for the stipend.

**Tenure**

The amount of time a student may receive a Postgraduate Merit Award is:

- Honours 1 year
- Masters 2 years
- PhD 3 years

**Upgrades and conversions**

- Students intending to upgrade or convert Masters to PhD need to make an application for both Masters and PhD PMA.

- Conditions for being awarded are:
  - The Masters needs to be discontinued
  - The Masters needs to be completed within the required two years

**Academic criteria**

A student applying for a PhD degree will receive a Postgraduate Merit Award if he/she completes their Masters degree within two years full-time or three years part-time.

A student applying for a Masters degree by coursework will receive a Postgraduate Merit Award if he/she receives an average mark of 70% or above for their Honours degree.

For a student applying for a Masters by Dissertation, an average mark of 67% is required in the Honours degree.

Selection criteria for the granting of the Postgraduate Merit Award to Honours students is:

- Only the two most recent years of study will be considered (ys 2 and ys 3)
- A minimum mark of 65% and above
- The mark is calculated using a weighted average which takes into account course length and credits as well as faculty differences.

**Please note:** If a student has repeated a year of study, this will be taken into account.
Process of allocating PMA awards
Firstly, all PhD students who meet the academic criteria, as stated above, will be awarded PMA’s.
Secondly, all Masters by coursework and research report students who obtained an Honours mark of 70% will then be awarded PMA’s.
Thirdly, all Masters by Dissertation who obtain an Honours mark of 67% and above will be awarded.
Fourthly, Honours students weighted marks will be calculated and applications will be ranked from the highest to the lowest marks.

*Please note* that this means that not all students who meet the criteria for PMA’s will be guaranteed funding.
4.2 Postgraduate Merit Awards Part-Time

The aim of the University Postgraduate Merit Award (PMA) is to assist graduates to complete Honours, Masters or PhD degrees by research or by a combination of the course work and research on both a full-time and part-time basis. Tuition fees to a maximum of R45 000 will be awarded to students who qualify.

*Please note that the PMA does not pay for international registration fees, copyright fees, notes, clubs and parking.*

Closing dates:

A student must submit a completed application form by:

- 31 October for REGISTRATION in January / April (1st Intake) or
- 30 April for REGISTRATION in July / September (2nd Intake)

Please note that you will need to apply for the July intake before the closing date if you do not register in January / April intake.

Tenure

The amount of time a student may receive a part-time Postgraduate Merit Award is:

- Honours 2 years
- Masters 3 years
- PhD 4 years

Academic criteria

A student applying for a PhD degree will receive a Postgraduate Merit Award if:

- The Masters degree was completed within two years full-time or three years part-time

A student applying for a Masters degree will receive a Postgraduate Merit Award if he / she receives an average mark of 70% or above for their Honours degree.

For students applying for an Honours degree the selection criteria for the granting of the Postgraduate Merit Award are:

- Only the two most recent years of study will be considered
- A student must obtain a minimum mark of 65% and above
- The mark is calculated using a weighted average which takes into account course length and credits as well as faculty differences.

*Please note:* If a student has repeated a year of study, this will be taken into account.

Financial Criteria

The household gross income should not exceed R250 000 per annum.
Students on a Part-time Merit Award will not be eligible for a stipend and will therefore not be required to work in the department.

Please note that a separate application form for Part-Time PMA’s must be completed.

**Rules and conditions for the Postgraduate Merit Award**

**Conditions**

- Students who register for Postgraduate Diplomas, 4th year BEd, or GDE degrees are not eligible for the Postgraduate Merit Award even if a provisional offer letter has been issued.
- All outstanding information must be submitted by the 15th December for January/April intake and 15th August for the July/September intake. Should the student not adhere to these dates the award will be cancelled.
- If the student fails to register at this University, the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office will withdraw the Postgraduate Merit Award. An offer cannot be carried over to the next year.
- Awards for PMA’s will be made at the discretion of the funding committee.

**Instructions to the student**

1. A student who has attended a foreign university must attach an official copy of his/her academic record with key to grades to the application. The application will not be processed unless the official academic record with key to grades is attached.
2. The academic record must be accompanied by proof of the duration of the degree.
3. On submission of the application form an applicant must ensure that he or she receives a card and a duplicate is attached to the form for reference purposes.
4. Once an application form is submitted, the student must inform their Faculty Office of any change of address.
5. A declaration must be made in writing of any other bursaries, scholarships or departmental grants awarded for the year and not declared on the application form.
6. Once you have received a provisional offer, you would need to register. In March you will need to come in and sign your acceptance letter.
7. Using your provisional offer you need to discuss / arrange your departmental duties with your School.

**Please note** that where tuition fees are paid by an external donor, the Postgraduate Merit Award will pay the stipend only and NOT the tuition fees.
Renewals

Postgraduate Merit Awards are awarded on an annual basis, i.e. 1 January – 31 December for the 1st intake and 1 July – 31 December for the 2nd intake.

Students MUST apply every year.

No credits will be carried over to the following year.
5. WITS BURSARIES

Wits bursaries are for students with a demonstrated financial need and who have shown strong performance as follows:

• Masters students who obtained an Honours mark of at least 65%
• Honours students who obtained a mark of at least 65% as a weighted average of the two most recent years of study.

Financial need will be determined by the appropriate declaration on the application form and by supplying the necessary documentary evidence.

The amount allocated will be determined by availability of funds.

**Rules and conditions governing the award of the Wits Bursaries**

**Tenure**
Funding is not guaranteed. Applications are not renewable. Students must reapply every year. Late applications and appeals will not be considered.

**Acceptance**
Acceptance is subject to the students being registered at Wits University.

**Supplementation**
Refer to the Financial Aid and Scholarships office Maximum limits table on page 5.

**Withdrawal or Cancellation**
The recipient of a Wits Bursary may be requested to refund any amount paid to him/her if:

• The regulations applicable to the award are not complied with and/or
• The degree is discontinued/ cancelled or
• In the opinion of the University, the recipient does not make satisfactory progress.

**Payment**

• A student is required to complete a form of acceptance of an award and the rules governing the award.
• Once the student has submitted a completed form of acceptance to the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office, the award will be credited to the fee account.
• The award will not be credited unless the student has formally registered for the degree for which the bursary has been awarded.
• Allocations will only be made in the second half of the year.
6. EXTERNALLY ADMINISTERED OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS

Commonwealth Scholarships
- Masters and PhD students in all faculties – tenable in the United Kingdom can apply online
- Email: eas@cscuk.org.uk, should problems be encountered.

Rhodes Scholarship
- Students that intend to study at Oxford University are eligible to apply.
- Ten Scholarships available for SA.
  4 – SA, 1 – KZN, 1 – Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Nambia, Swaziland.
  1 – Each four specific schools and their identified partner schools.
- Applications open in May and close on the 15th August.
- Students are urged to apply online.
  http://apply.embark.com/scholarship/rhodestrust
- Tenure – 2 years, can be extended for PhD (DPhil).
- For more information on the Rhodes scholarship please visit the Rhodes website:
  www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk
7. TRAVEL GRANTS FOR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENTS

Only one conference per annum should be attended by a registered student. Travel Grants in the form of a top-up are available to assist postgraduate research students to attend a conference in South Africa, elsewhere in Africa and in exceptional circumstances an overseas conference.

Travel Grants are considered in the first week of March and thereafter in June, September and November provided that there are still funds available.

Retrospective and late applications will not be considered.

An application must be submitted before the following closing dates:

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Rules governing the award of Travel Grants

South Africa:
A Travel Grant is available to assist a registered full-time postgraduate research student to attend a conference in South Africa:

• A research student who is requesting an individual Travel Grant and is presenting a paper (or a poster) is eligible for an amount that will be determined at the discretion of the Committee based primarily on financial need and excellence.

• Limited block grants will be given to Schools wishing to send up to three students presenting papers and posters to the same local conference.

• Staff members registered as postgraduate students are not eligible for Travel Grants.

• A copy of the invitation / programme must be attached to the application.

• Proof of cost of registration must be provided.

• A student who receives a Travel Grant is required to submit a report, acceptable to the Committee within two weeks from the last day of the conference. The report must be endorsed with comments by the Head of the School in which the student is registered.

• No applications in consecutive years will be permitted.

• Applications must be submitted before the respective closing dates – proof of acceptance of papers may be submitted within two weeks thereafter.

• There is a limitation on the maximum amount of funding in any one year to a School.

Elsewhere in Africa
A grant may be made to a registered full-time postgraduate research student with an outstanding academic record, to attend conferences elsewhere in Africa:

• A student will only be eligible provided that she / he is presenting a research paper or poster presentation. An application must be accompanied by written evidence of acceptance of the paper or poster.

• Proof of cost of registration must be provided plus a copy of the invitation.

• A student who receives a Travel Grant is required to submit a report, acceptable to the Committee, within two weeks from the last day of the conference. The report must be endorsed, with comments by the Head of the School in which the student is registered.
As it is customary for conferences to be organised well in advance, RETROSPECTIVE AND LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. Applications must be submitted before the respective closing dates – proof of acceptance of papers may be submitted shortly thereafter.

More than one student from a School may be funded to attend the same international conference, but the individual awards will be reduced accordingly.

A member of staff registered as a postgraduate student is not eligible for Travel Grants.

There is a limitation on the maximum amount of funding in any one year to any School.

International applicants are not eligible for a travel grant if for some reason their fee account reflects a debit balance.

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No member of staff registered as a postgraduate student is eligible for a Travel Grant.

There is a limitation on the amount of funding in any one year to any School.

International applicants are not eligible for a Travel Grant if their fee account reflects a debit balance.

Only one grant per student will be made to attend an international conference for the duration of their postgraduate studies.

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Overseas conferences

A grant may be made to a registered full-time postgraduate research student with an outstanding academic record to attend an international conference:

A student will only be eligible provided that he / she is presenting a research paper or poster presentation. An application must be accompanied by written evidence of acceptance of the paper or poster.