



### **WITS Registration Assistance Fund – Terms and Conditions**

To proceed with your application, you are required to read and accept the terms and conditions below. **If you decline, we regret your application will not be accepted.**

#### **1. Purpose of the Wits Registration Assistance Fund (WRAF):**

The Registration Assistance Fund was established by the University to support financially needy students with prior-year outstanding fees. The WRAF provides up to 50% of outstanding debt, capped at R50 000, to assist with:

- Registration for the current academic year, and/or
- Upfront accommodation deposits for Wits-recognised residences.

#### **2. Funding Availability:**

Funding is not guaranteed and is subject to availability of funds, verification, and upon meeting the eligibility criteria.

#### **3. Eligibility Criteria:**

##### **The following will apply for registration and accommodation:**

- Gross household income of R600 000 or less per annum (combined household income before deductions).
- Must be a returning full-time student who have obtained a minimum average of 50% in the previous academic year.
- Accommodation support applies only to Wits-recognised on- or off-campus residences.
- Priority will be given to students registered for degree courses over those students registered for non-degree courses, e.g., Diplomas and Certificates, in the prior academic year.

#### **4. Students NOT Eligible for the fund:**

The following students do not qualify for this funding support:

- Students eligible for the DHET Government Bursary (NSFAS FTEN from 2018) including FUNZA, COID, DMV, etc.
- Students registered part-time in the prior academic year.
- Students who previously received registration assistance funding in prior years.
- Students registered for non-degree programmes (e.g., Diplomas, Certificates).
- Students registered in Wits Business School or Wits School of Governance programmes in the prior year.



## **5. Required Documentation:**

### **5.1 For Registration Assistance (50% debt)**

Applicants must upload:

- Proof of household income (salary advice or official statement). Affidavits are not accepted for income.
- Certified copies of parent/guardian ID documents.
- Signed consent form.

### **5.2 For Accommodation Assistance**

Applicants must upload:

- A detailed affidavit explaining financial hardship, efforts to secure funding, and personal circumstances.
- Proof of household income (salary advice only; affidavits not accepted). The Dean of Students Office may conduct interviews where necessary with regards to accommodation.

## **6. Funding Cap and Allocation:**

The Registration Assistance Funding has a maximum cap of R50 000 for both registration and accommodation combined.

**Example:** Outstanding debt = R30 000, student eligible fund amount = R15 000 (50%).

The remaining available toward accommodation = R35 000 (subject to eligibility). If the registration portion uses the full R50 000, accommodation assistance will not be granted.

## **7. Transitional Accommodation:**

Students applying for emergency accommodation:

- May be required to attend an interview to assess their circumstances.
- If application is successful students will be placed in shared Wits accredited accommodation only.
- Student must vacate if they later secure funding that includes accommodation and will be required to make their own appropriate arrangements in line with their funding.
- Emergency accommodation is temporary and subject to review.

## **8. Verification, Fraud and Reversals**

The University reserves the right to:

- Verify income and household information.
- Reject applications that do not meet criteria.
- Reverse the Wits Registration Assistance funding if the student later receives full funding covering prior-year debt and the current year.
- Withdraw funding immediately if fraudulent information is submitted.
- Cases of fraud will be reported to the Registrar.



**9. Registration Requirement**

This registration assistance funds will only be allocated once the student successfully completes registration. Students who are approved but fail to register will forfeit the Wits Registration Assistance funds.

**12. Application Process**

Only online applications are accepted. Manual submissions will not be processed.

**13. Student Responsibilities**

Students receiving the Wits Registration Assistance Fund must:

- Continue applying for full funding opportunities (NSFAS, bursaries, scholarships).
- Ensure that additional information requested must be submitted within the prescribed time frame. If not received within the prescribed time frame, then the application will be rejected.

- Monitor their Wits email and portal for communication regarding their application.

**This is not a bursary and does not cover the full cost of study. Students must secure other funding to cover the remaining balance for the year.**