



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.