

Wits-TUB Urban Lab Interdisciplinary Bilateral Postgraduate Studies Programme

**Application
Deadline:
30.06.2017**

Master Scholarships

For studies in the School of Architecture and Planning, Wits University, Johannesburg, January 2018 - December 2018

Background

The recently adopted 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement have highlighted the fundamental roles played by cities and local urban stakeholders in achieving sustainable development. The Habitat III process and the New Urban Agenda (NUA), agreed in Quito in October 2016, is a unique opportunity to strengthen the urban narrative globally and provide an enabling framework for cities and local urban stakeholders to achieve SDG goals.

By recognising that cities and their inhabitants safeguard global common goods, such as climate, economic prosperity, social integration, democratization and political stability, a profound change in policy responses is needed to enable truly transformative actions, motivating changes in the way we

use, build and govern our urban environments.

The bilateral Wits-TUB Urban Lab programme supported by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) seeks to improve graduate education in urban fields across sub-Saharan Africa. Both lead partners, the Habitat Unit at the School of Architecture of the Technische Universität Berlin, and the School of Architecture and Planning at University of the Witwatersrand offer a new urban-oriented graduate and postgraduate training and capacity building programme that would effectively address the challenges and needs outlined above.

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Wits-TUB Urban Lab focus

The programme includes bilateral exchange activities, workshops and conferences implemented through the Wits-TUB Urban Lab and will focus on four innovation areas that address SDG implementation in urban areas:

- Integrated approaches towards SDG implementation
- Implementation tools
- Political context for urbanisation
- Practice orientation: Wits-TUB Urban Studio

The scholarship recipients will benefit from guest lectures, joint supervision scheme and a summer school at Wits University.

Supported Masters programmes

The masters scholarships apply to the following 1 year full time degrees at Wits University in Johannesburg, supported by a bilateral programme with TU Berlin:

- Master of Architecture in the field of Sustainable and Energy Efficient Cities (MArch (SEEC))
- MSc Development Planning (MSc DP)
- Master of the Built Environment in the field of Housing (MBE (Housing))
- Masters of Urban Studies (MUS)

Please note that once completed, the degree certificates are issued by Wits University. They are not joint degrees as such.

Value, period and conditions of the Scholarship

The masters scholarship covers the duration of one academic year. Successful candidates will be expected to sign a contract stipulating the conditions of the scholarship.

The scholarship includes:

- Full tuition fee
- Monthly stipend (living expenses including: subsistence expenses, accommodation, other costs)
- Travel from home country/ place of origin is covered.

Eligibility Criteria

Scholarships are open to :

- South African citizens
- Citizens from other countries in sub-Saharan Africa
- Applicants must possess the requisite qualifications to be granted the scholarship.

There is no age limit applying to scholarships for study purposes. However, at the time of the application, no more than 6 years should have passed since an applicant graduated from his/ her previous bachelor or master studies. All scholarship applicants must have applied for admission to the relevant degree (as per above list) at Wits University and be in possession of a 'person number' which is issued upon application for admission.

How to apply to the Degree Programmes?

Every applicant has to fill in the first basic application form before they can access the full form.

The whole application process (including online access to the application form) is found at:

<https://www.wits.ac.za/applications/>

- The University of the Witwatersrand is an English medium university. International students from non-English speaking countries must provide proof of English proficiency. Please refer to the URL above for further information.

- Applications for admission to postgraduate degrees at Wits University for international students for study in 2018 closes **30 June 2017**. Whereas the Wits University closing date for applications for the masters degrees for SA applicants is end October 2017, to be considered for this scholarship, SA applicants must have submitted their applications for admission to Wits University by 30 June 2017, which is also the closing date for the scholarship application. The 'person number' provided upon application for admission must be included in the scholarship application form.

- Applicants whose previous degrees were obtained at a university outside South Africa must have their qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). This process may happen in parallel to submission of an application for admission. The procedure is set out at www.saqa.org.

- Each degree has a particular

requirement regarding admission assignment and/or motivation letter and CV. Please see details for each degree under:

<http://www.wits.ac.za/archplan/academic-degrees/>

- Once admitted for their degree, international students will apply for a study visa from the South African consulate or embassy in their country. This process must be started as soon as an admission letter is issued.

How to apply for the scholarship programme?

This is a separate application in addition to the Degree Programme application outlined above.

- Once an application for admission into the relevant degree has been submitted, the candidate can proceed to complete the attached bursary application form, providing the 'person number' issued by Wits University.

- The closing date for submitting applications is **30 June 2017**. Only candidates whose applications for admission are complete by this date will be considered for the scholarship.

- Please use the attached Application Form to make your scholarship application. Applications not using the template will not be considered. The form is available under the following link:

<http://www.wits.ac.za/archplan/postgraduate-bursaries/>

- The Scholarship application will only be considered if a Masters Programme Application has been submitted and students have been selected for this programme.

- The University reserves the right not to make any scholarship awards.





Please send the completed application form at the following email address:

taki.sithagu@wits.ac.za

The deadline for applications is **30 June 2017**.

Application results will be announced in **October 2017**.

Contact:

If more information is needed, please contact:

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However, before making an enquiry, please exhaust the information available at:

www.habitat-unit.de

<http://www.wits.ac.za/archplan/postgraduate-bursaries/>

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