

AFRICAN CENTRE FOR CITIES (EBE FACULTY)

and the

COUNCIL FOR THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT:

MASTERS AND PhD BURSARIES

REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS

FULL TIME STUDENTS

FUNDING LIMITS

PhD scholarship: R 85,000pa (with additional possible bonus of R 10,000 for a publishable paper submitted to a good local conference).

Masters scholarship R 65,000pa

PART TIME STUDENTS

FUNDING LIMITS

PhD scholarship R 65,000 pa

Masters scholarship R 45,000pa

FIELDS OF STUDY:

Applicants from all faculties may apply. Their area of study must be linked to the research agenda of the African Centre for Cities (Sustainable Human Settlements) and the area of research stipulated by the Council for the Built Environment.

REQUIREMENTS / CONDITIONS

1. Funding is offered to students who are undertaking thesis topics which are linked to the research agenda of the Centre, and specifically to the research agenda of the Sustainable Human Settlements project.
2. Individuals who already hold a degree at the same level as that for which they are applying are not eligible.
3. In awarding bursaries, preference will be given to previously disadvantaged South African students, but other categories will also be considered. Applicants of any race and gender may apply.

4. Funding will be granted on the basis of academic merit.
5. Funding is granted for three years for a PhD and for two years for a masters student, subject to satisfactory progress (as documented in an MoU) confirmed by the supervisor and HoD.
6. Bursaries are granted for degrees, undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis. Masters degrees can be undertaken as full research degrees; or part course-work and dissertation degrees.
7. Applicants should be able to indicate that they have applied to other sources for funding, and should be able to show documentary proof of positive or negative responses to these.
8. Bursary support is confirmed once a research proposal has been submitted and accepted by the supervisor and HoD (preliminary proposal in the case of a PhD).
9. Conference funding is granted once the abstract has been accepted by conference organizers.
10. The supervisor should be approved by the Centre, and the decision to grant funding is at the discretion of the Centre
11. Funded students are expected to attend relevant seminars organized by the Centre, and may be called on to present at such a seminar or workshop.
12. The supervisor must confirm availability and ability to provide working space, computers and any other equipment or research costs.
13. The Centre and the CBE should be acknowledged in the final dissertation, in any conference papers funded by the Centre and CBE and in published papers.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants are required to:

- Secure a supervisor who undertakes research or teaching in an areas linked to the research agenda of the Centre (Sustainable Human Settlements)
- Write a letter of application.
- Indicate that they have been (at least provisionally) accepted by the relevant Department at UCT and have secured a supervisor.
- Include a draft or an abstract of the proposed research (Masters by course-work/dissertation, dissertation and Doctoral students only)
- Include a summarised Curriculum Vitae of no more than ONE A4 page. Where an applicant has published her or his work, an extra page listing such publications may be included.
- Include certified copies of all University Transcripts, including undergraduate results.
- Include two letters of reference from academics by whom the applicant has been supervised or taught.
- Provide a written and detailed statement of no longer than one A4 page on your future intentions.

APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:

Ms Michelle Armstrong: Michelle.Armstrong@uct.ac.za

The African Centre for Cities (School of Architecture, Planning and Geomatics), University of Cape Town

The Centre and the University of Cape Town reserves the right to cancel incomplete applications, to effect changes to the conditions of the Fellowships or to make no awards at all.