

**Instant info: NWU Masters & Doctoral Bursary Scheme 2021**

Web address for application forms: <http://studies.nwu.ac.za/studies/bursaries-and-loans>

The NWU postgraduate bursary scheme aims to provide financial support to promising postgraduate students who cannot afford tertiary education and to give recognition to students who perform well academically. The NWU postgraduate bursary scheme is in line with the strategic objectives of the University as explained in the Institutional Plan.

**NB: Electronic applications online only**

**A: NWU Masters bursary – Closing date: 31 March 2021****Bursary Conditions:**

1. This bursary is available only for postgraduate students that register for a full prescribed Masters degree.
2. Application for the bursary must be done annually on the prescribed application form before or on 31 March 2021.
3. **Students from other universities must attach an academic record** of the preceding qualifying degree.
4. Masters students are allowed to receive bursaries from one or more sources. There is no limitation on the amount of the Masters bursary.
5. The bursary amount is repayable if a student fails to comply with any of the conditions, terminates studies or does not complete the course within the prescribed period.
6. The University reserves the right, should circumstances be justified, to alter the guidelines, conditions and values of the bursary without prior notice to the applicant.
7. The bursary will be awarded as follows:
  - 7.1. To qualify applicants must have achieved a **minimum average of 60%** for all modules/subjects during the preceding, completed Honours degree. Students who have obtained a four-year B-degree in BIng, BPharm, MMus or BArt Science in Town and Regional Planning also qualify. Academic records of the previous completed degree must be attached. Certificates only are not valid.
  - 7.2. **Part-time students and working students may apply for a 50% allocation** of the NWU postgraduate bursary (working students are defined as students who work for an employer, earning a salary and where work is the main activity).
  - 7.3. The bursary is valid for two (2) years only. **R27 400 per year** will be awarded for full time students - the total bursary value over 2 years is R54 800.
  - 7.4. **Students that already received a Masters bursary** must apply for the **Masters Progress Bursary**: For the Progress Bursary the prescribed **Progress Report**, completed by the study leader, must be attached to the application. This report serves as a recommendation of academic progress. If the student didn't previously receive a NWU Masters Bursary the student must attach the academic script of the preceding qualifying degree also to verify the minimum average of 60%. Incomplete applications do not qualify.
  - 7.5. If a Masters student, after completing the degree, immediately enrolls for Doctoral studies, R27 400 will be carried over to the first year of Doctoral studies. If the student does not enroll for Doctoral studies the bursary value remains only R27 400. Send a notice e-mail to your campus postgraduate e-mail address.
  - 7.6. Bursary holders must complete the Masters degree within a minimum **grace period of three (3) years**.

## B: NWU Doctoral bursary – Closing date: 31 March 2021

### Bursary Conditions

1. The bursary is available only for postgraduate students who register for a full prescribed Doctoral degree.
2. Application for the bursary must be done annually on the prescribed application before or on 31 March 2021.
3. Students from other universities must attach an academic record of the previous qualifying degree.
4. Doctoral degree students are allowed to receive bursaries from one or more sources. There is no limitation on the amount of the Doctoral bursary.
5. The bursary amount is repayable if a student fails to comply with any of the conditions, terminates studies or does not complete the course within the prescribed period.
6. The University reserves the right, should circumstances be justified, to alter the guidelines, conditions and values of the bursary without prior notice to the applicant.
7. The bursary will be awarded as follows:
  - 7.1 To qualify applicants must have achieved a **minimum average of 60%** for all modules/subjects during the preceding, completed Masters' degree. Academic records of the previous completed degree must be attached – certificates of degree only are not acceptable.
  - 7.2 **Part-time students and working students may apply for a 50% allocation** of the NWU postgraduate bursary (Working students are defined as students who work for an employer, earning a salary and where work is the main activity).
  - 7.3 The bursary is valid for three (3) years only. **R29 500 per year** will be awarded for full time students - the total bursary value over 2 years is R88 500.
  - 7.4 **Students that already received a Doctoral bursary** must apply for the **Doctoral Progress Bursary**: For the Progress Bursary the **prescribed Progress Report**, completed by the study leader, **MUST** be attached to the application. This report serves as a recommendation of academic progress. If the student did not previously receive a NWU Doctoral Bursary the student **MUST** attach the academic script of the preceding qualifying degree also to verify the average of 60%. Incomplete applications are invalid.
  - 7.5 If a Masters student, after completing the degree, immediately enrolls for Doctoral studies, R26 000 will be carried over to the first year of Doctoral studies. If the student does not enrol for Doctoral studies the bursary value remains only R26 000. Send a notice e-mail to your campus postgraduate e-mail address.

## B: NWU Postgraduate Academic Merit Bursary – Closing date: 30 April 2021

The NWU Postgraduate Academic Bursary is supplementary to all other postgraduate bursaries and is awarded for academic achievement. The NWU Postgraduate Scheme and Postgraduate Cum Laude Academic Merit Bursary are **TWO separate** bursaries with an application form for each.

**R5 000 for students with a minimum average of 75%**

### Electronic application (online application)

- **Only students from other Universities MUST apply online** and attach documents of the previous qualifying degree. This bursary for students from other Universities is not calculated and awarded automatically.
- **NWU students don't apply online**: This bursary is automatically calculated and awarded to students that meet the required conditions as stipulated.

### Bursary Conditions

Full-Time and Part-Time students can apply:

1. The bursary is available only to students who **register for a first, full prescribed postgraduate Masters or Doctoral degree**. Students registered for occasional studies do not qualify.
2. The bursary will be awarded **only once in the first year** of the postgraduate courseunit.
3. The Academic Merit Bursary for registered students is automatically calculated and awarded each year. The Academic Merit Bursary for students from other Universities are not calculated and awarded automatically – these students must apply for the bursary on the prescribed form before or on the closing date as specified.
4. The bursary amount is repayable if a student fails to comply with any of the conditions, terminates studies or does not complete the course within the prescribed period stipulated for the NWU Postgraduate Bursary Scheme.
5. The University reserves the right, should circumstances be justified, to alter the guidelines, conditions and values of the bursary without prior notice to the applicant.
6. The bursary will be awarded as follows:
  - 6.1. **To qualify applicants must have passed the preceding degree with Cum laude according to the A rules of the university.** Academic records of the previous qualifying degree will be taken into consideration when calculating the average. Certificates only are not valid.
  - 6.2. Bursary holders must complete the postgraduate degree within the minimum grace period stipulated by the NWU Postgraduate Bursary Scheme.
  - 6.3. Late applications will only be accepted with a written confirmation of the studyleader. Submit applications forms as soon as possible for timely qualification.

Direct your bursary enquiries to your campus of registration: Financial Support Services		
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