

**Instant info: NWU Honours 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 online applications only**

**A: NWU Honours bursary – Closing date: 31 January 2021**
**Bursary Conditions:**

1. This bursary is available only for students that register for a **FULL-TIME** prescribed Honours degree (postgraduate diplomas and PGCE included). Part-time and/or occasional students as well as working students don't qualify. Working students are defined as students who work for an employer, earning a salary and where work is the main activity.
2. The bursary is valid for one (1) year only. Bursary holders must complete the Honours degree within a grace period of 1 (one) year.
3. Students from other universities must attach an academic record of the preceding qualifying degree.
4. Students receiving bursaries from Statutory Councils such as the NRF and other outside institutions may apply for a top-up Honours bursary up to but not exceeding the **maximum amount of R108 000** subject to the bursary amounts specified below. The University reserves the right to cancel or adjust the Honours bursary if the amount of R108 000 is exceeded.
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.

*The following bursaries will be awarded:*

**R22 600 for scarce skills courses**

To qualify applicants must have achieved a **minimum average of 65%** in the final year modules/subjects of the preceding, completed degree. Academic records of the previous qualifying degree must be attached. Certificates only are not valid.

<b>IDENTIFIED SCARCE SKILLS = Bsc and Bcom</b>		
Accounting Sciences	Health Science	Mathematical Sciences
Actuarial Studies	Demographic Sciences	Physical Sciences
Agricultural Sciences	Economics	Sport Sciences
Architecture	Electronic Sciences	Risk Management
Auditing Sciences	Engineering	Transportation Studies
Biotechnology	Financial Management	Statistics
Chemical Sciences	Geology	Natural Science Statistics
Chemistry	Informational Studies	
Computer Sciences	Logistics	
<b>See BCom non-scarce exceptions in table below</b>		

**R19 300 for non-scarce skills courses**

To qualify applicants must have achieved a **minimum average of 70%** in the final year modules/subjects of the preceding, completed degree. Academic records of the previous qualifying degree must be attached. Certificates only are not valid.

IDENTIFIED NON-SCARSE SKILLS	
Degree	Field of study
BA, BEd, BTh, BHSc	All subjects
BCom	Communication / Economy & Communication / Entrepreneurs / Financial Business / Industrial Psychology / International Trading / Journalism / Labour Relations / Law / Management / Marketing Human Resources / Political Studies / Population Studies / Social Science / Sociology /
Diplomas and Certificates	Disaster & Risk, Education, Management, Nuclear and Technology

Late applications will only be considered with a written recommendation from the study leader.

### 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 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 course unit.
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 study leader. 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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