

**Instant info: NWU Honours Bursary Scheme 2023**

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 March 2023**

Bursary Conditions:

1. Students can apply using the prescribed application form by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.
2. The bursary is valid only **once in the first year** of the Honours degree. The degree must be completed in a **grace period of 1 (one) year**.
3. R23,000.00 per year will be awarded to full-time students for scarce skills courses and non-scarce skills courses. **Note that the minimum average to qualify for the Honours bursary for scarce skills courses and non-scarce skills courses is different.**
4. The 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 do not qualify.** Working students are defined as students who work for an employer, earning a salary, and where work is the main activity.
5. **Students from other universities must attach an academic record** of the preceding qualifying degree. Certificates only are not valid.
6. Students receiving bursaries from Statutory Councils such as the National Research Foundation (**NRF**), **SETA** and other outside institutions may apply for a top-up Honours bursary up to but not exceeding the **maximum amount of R167,900.00**. The University reserves the right to cancel or adjust the Honours bursary if the amount of **R167,900.00** is exceeded.
7. The bursary amount is repayable if a student fails to comply with any of the conditions below:
  - 7.1. Terminate studies, or,
  - 7.2. Does not complete the course within the prescribed period.
8. 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.
9. Late applications will only be accepted with written confirmation from the Faculty. Submit application forms as soon as possible for timely qualification.

*The following bursaries will be awarded:*

**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 = BCom and BSc</b>		
Accounting Sciences	Computer Sciences	Logistics
Actuarial Studies	Economics	Mathematical Sciences
Agricultural Sciences	Electronic Sciences	Natural Science Statistics
Architecture	Engineering	Physical Sciences
Auditing Sciences	Financial Management	Risk Management
Biotechnology	Geology	Statistics
Chemical Sciences	Health Science	Transportation Studies
Chemistry	Informational Studies	

**See BCom and BSc non-scarce exceptions in the table below**

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

### B: NWU Postgraduate Academic Merit Bursary – Closing date: 30 April 2023

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 that pass Cum laude

#### 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:** The 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 Honours degree or Postgraduate course**. Students registered for occasional studies do not qualify.
2. The bursary will be awarded **only once in the first year** of the postgraduate course.
3. The Academic Merit Bursary for registered students is automatically calculated and awarded each year. The Academic Merit Bursary for students from other Universities is not calculated and awarded automatically. These students must apply online for the bursary before or on the closing date as specified and attach the preceding qualifying degree.
4. The bursary amount is repayable if a student fails to comply with any of the conditions below:
  - 4.1. Terminate studies or,
  - 4.2. 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 pass with Cum Laude for the previous qualifying degree.
  - 6.2 Bursary holders must complete the postgraduate degree within the minimum grace period stipulated by the NWU Postgraduate Bursary Scheme.
7. Late applications will only be accepted with written confirmation from the Faculty. Submit application forms as soon as possible for timely qualification.

Direct your bursary enquiries to your campus of registration:

<b>Mafikeng Campus</b> Enquiry Office Tel: 018 389 2516/2646/2372 E-mail: <a href="mailto:MC-PostGradBurs@nwu.ac.za">MC-PostGradBurs@nwu.ac.za</a>	<b>Potchefstroom Campus</b> Enquiry Office Tel: 018 26666/7/8/9 E-mail: <a href="mailto:PC-studyfees@nwu.ac.za">PC-studyfees@nwu.ac.za</a>	<b>Vanderbijlpark Campus</b> Enquiry Office Tel: 016 910 3157/3134 E-mail: <a href="mailto:VC-PostGradBurs@nwu.ac.za">VC-PostGradBurs@nwu.ac.za</a>
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