

**Instant info: NWU Honours Bursary Scheme 2024**

The 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<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

Bursary Conditions:

1. Students can apply using the prescribed application form (on the bursary website) by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.
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. R24,000.00 per year will be awarded to full-time registered 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 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 to enable the qualification of the average percentage. 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 exceeding the **maximum amount of R188,000**. The University reserves the right to cancel or adjust the Honours bursary if the amount of **R188,000** is exceeded.
7. The bursary amount is repayable if a student fails to comply with any of the conditions below:
  - 7.1. Terminate studies.
  - 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.*
10. Incomplete application forms are invalid.

*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 of the preceding, completed degree.

<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	
<b>See BCom and BSc non-scarce exceptions in the table below</b>		

## Non-scarce skills courses

To qualify applicants must have achieved a **minimum average of 70%** in the final year modules of the preceding qualifying degree.

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 2024

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)

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

### Bursary Conditions:

#### Full-Time and Part-Time students can apply:

1. The bursary will be awarded as follows:
  - 1.1 To qualify applicants must pass the preceding qualifying degree with an average of **75% (Cum Laude)**.
  - 1.2 Bursary holders must complete the postgraduate degree within the minimum grace period stipulated by the NWU Postgraduate Bursary Scheme.
2. The bursary is available only to students who register for a **first** prescribed Honours degree or Postgraduate course. Students registered for occasional studies do not qualify.
3. The bursary will be awarded **only once in the first year** of the postgraduate course.
4. The Academic Merit Bursary for:
  - 4.1 NWU students are automatically qualified and awarded. No need to fill in an application form.
  - 4.2 Students from other Universities are not automatically qualified and awarded. These students have to apply online for the bursary before or on the closing date as specified. They **must attach the preceding qualifying academic record**. Certificates only are not valid.
5. The bursary amount is repayable if a student fails to comply with any of the conditions below:
  - 5.1 Terminate studies, or
  - 5.2 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. Late applications will only be accepted with written confirmation from the Faculty. *Submit application forms as soon as possible for timely qualification.*
8. Incomplete application forms are invalid.

Direct your bursary enquiries to your campus of registration:

<b>Mahikeng Campus</b> Enquiry Office Tel: 018 389 2516/2646/2372/2410 E-mail: <a href="mailto:MC-PostGradBurs@nwu.ac.za">MC-PostGradBurs@nwu.ac.za</a>	<b>Potchefstroom Campus</b> Enquiry Office Tel: 018 2666/7/8 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>
Building A1 Room G18 & G22	Building F1, Ground floor, Room: Student Funds & Bursaries, ENQUIRY DESKS 6-12	Building A1