



National Health Scholars Programme

A partnership between the NDoH, PHEF and the SAMRC

A National Health Research Committee initiative

SPECIAL CALL: BIO-STATS AND EPIDEMIOLOGY - 2016

Application Form

Applications are invited for scholarships that are funded by the National Department of Health under the National Health Scholars Programme. The PhD Scholarships will be awarded for research to be conducted in the two fields Bio-stats and Epidemiology. The scholarships are tenable in South Africa or abroad. Funding is for a full degree period (i.e. to completion) as a tax free scholarship for full-time study.

Master's degree funding may be considered where compelling. The level of funding is equivalent to the after-tax take-home pay of the applicant, based on the salary scales of the relevant post (or equivalent) at the National Department of Health. The scholarship value may be reviewed annually in line with Public Service regulations depending on availability of funds.

The National Health Scholars Programme aims to contribute positively towards efforts to strengthen and accelerate progress towards equity in research capacity development of all young scientists across South Africa. Where appropriate priority will be given to hitherto underrepresented designated groups, institutions and research areas.

Full applications must be sent to Ms Pumla Zonke on or before **17 October 2016** at Pumla.Zonke@mrc.ac.za / Tel 021 938 0250

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Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Personal details:

Title (Ms, Mr, Dr)						First Name:
Surname:						Gender:
Population group::	Black	Coloured	Indian	Asian	White	Date of Birth:
Postal Address:						Physical address:
(Attach) certified copy of South African Identity Document						Attach
Work telephone no: (where Applicable)						Mobile no:
University e-mail address:						Personal e-mail address:

Academic Information:

Highest qualification:		
Years of experience in the profession		
Current post (where applicable)		
Employer (where applicable)		
Income per annum (pre-tax) (where applicable)		
Research area		
University at which currently registered		
Department & Faculty		
This scholarship application is for this level	MSc	PhD
Masters/PhD title of research project		
Name of Masters/PhD supervisor		
Name of Masters/PhD co-supervisor (where applies)		

Please Mark:	Registered	Yes	No
My Research Project has Ethics Clearance (Mark the correct one)		Yes	No
The project title has been accepted by the Post graduate office or equivalent office (Mark the correct one)		Yes	No
In 2016 I am in my		1 st Year	2 nd Year
		3 rd Year	4 th Year

Below is a table showing documents that must be submitted with the application (not more than 7 pages) and the selection criteria: **It is important that you check (√) the right column to confirm completeness of application before submitting.**

Selection Criteria	Attached check (√)
1. Suitability of the candidate: 1-page only: motivation that is accompanied by a complete and up-to-date curriculum vitae containing a full list of publications and other meritorious achievements. A paragraph describing how success in the National Health Scholars Programme application will impact your career	
2. Quality of the science: ≤2 pages only: abstract of the Masters/PhD proposal outlining the rationale, design, feasibility, plans for research translation and information dissemination as well as potential impact of the proposed research project.	
3. Abridged Track record of supervisor: ≤3 pages only: (1) A paragraph statement from the supervisor indicating commitment to educate and train the applicant, (ii) confirmation of availability of funding and facilities for the proposed doctoral project, and (iii) an abridged outline of publications, grants and experience of supervising Masters/PhD students.	
4. Research environment: ≤ 1 page letter from the host institution outlining the career plan of the applicant upon completion of the Masters/ PhD.	
5. Signed application form: please sign below and submit this form with your application.	
6. Certified copy of South African identity document is attached	
7. Confirm that 7 pages not exceeded	

Re – check that you have actioned all 7 points above

All documents must be submitted in **Microsoft Word** format only

Conditions

- Scholarship holders are expected to spend at least 90% of their time conducting research. Teaching and clinical activities may not take up more than 10% of the time of the scholar. Scholarship holders may not receive, concurrently with this scholarship, other bursaries, grants or remuneration which binds them to enter the service of any organization without prior approval from the SA Medical Research Council (SAMRC)
- Candidates may not hold a bursary from more than one statutory science council at any given time
- Scholarship holders may not receive, concurrently with this scholarship, other non-binding remuneration/fellowships and grants without prior approval from the SAMRC
- Scholarship holders may not, without obtaining the MRC's prior approval, register at a university other than that through which the application has been submitted
- Once the award has been made the scholarship holder may not change his/her supervisor without informing the SAMRC
- Supervisors will be expected to submit 6-monthly progress reports. The renewal of funding will be considered on an annual basis subject to satisfactory progress being made.
- Successful applicants will be required to enter into an agreement with the SAMRC to complete their studies within the specified time period

I, _____ (full names), hereby submit my application for a full-time Masters or PhD Scholarship and am cognisant of the conditions under which this scholarship is awarded.

Signature:

Date:

EXAMPLE (Not for use)