

Instant info: NWU Masters & Doctoral Bursary Scheme 2024

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: 31st March 2024**Bursary Conditions:**

1. The bursary is available only to students who register for a full prescribed Masters Degree. Application for the bursary must be done annually using the prescribed application form by 31st March 2024.
2. **Students from other universities must attach an academic record** of the preceding qualifying degree. Certificates only are not valid.
3. To qualify applicants must have achieved a **minimum average of 60%** for all last year modules of the preceding qualifying Honours degree or postgraduate course. Students who have obtained a four-year B-degree in BCur, BEng, BPharm, LLB, BMus or BSc in Town and Regional Planning also qualify. Academic records of the preceding qualifying degree must be attached. Certificates only are not valid.
4. **Part-time and/or working students can apply for a 50% allocation of the bursary.** Working students are defined as students who work for an employer, earning a salary and where work is the main activity.
5. R30,000 per year will be awarded to full-time students. The total bursary value over 2 years is R60,000.
6. **Students from the second year of the degree** must apply for the **Masters Progress Bursary**:
 - 6.1 For the Progress Bursary application, the prescribed **Progress Report**, completed by the study leader, must be attached to the application. This report serves as a recommendation for academic progress. If the student previously didn't receive an NWU Masters Bursary the student must attach the academic script of the preceding qualifying degree also to verify the minimum average of 60%.
7. Masters students are allowed to receive bursaries from one or more sources. There is no limitation on the number of Masters bursaries students can have. Masters students receiving bursaries from Statutory councils such as the **National Research Foundation (NRF)**, **SETA** and other outside institutions may apply for this bursary as a top-up but not exceeding the maximum amount of **R261,900 per annum**. The University reserves the right to cancel or adjust the Masters bursary if the amount of **R261,900** is exceeded.
8. Bursary holders must complete the Masters degree within a minimum grace **period of three (3) years**.
9. If a Masters student completes the Masters degree in one year and immediately enrolls for Doctoral studies, R28 800 will be carried over to the first year of the Doctoral studies. If the student does not enroll for Doctoral studies the one year condition will not be taken into account. Send a Notice email to your campus of registration for confirmation.
10. **The 1 Year Extra Grant** is an additional bursary to Masters students who received the NWU Postgraduate Bursary **for previous uninterrupted years in the degree**. These students also must apply online the same as in previous years. The prescribed Progress report of the studyleader must be attached.
 - 9.1 Master students will be able to apply in the **3rd year of uninterrupted studies in the degree**.
 - 9.3 To qualify for the Grant the students **must successfully complete the degree in 2024**.
11. **The bursary amount is repayable if a student fails to comply with any of the conditions below:**
 - 11.1 Terminate studies, or
 - 11.2 Does not complete the course within the prescribed period.
12. 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.
13. Late applications will only be accepted with written confirmation from the Study Leader. Submit application forms as soon as possible for timely evaluation.
14. Incomplete application forms are invalid.

B: NWU Doctoral bursary closing date: 31st March 2024

Bursary Conditions:

1. The bursary is available to students who register for a full prescribed Doctoral Degree. Application for the bursary must be done annually, using the prescribed application form, by 31st March 2024.
2. **Students from other universities must attach an academic record** of the preceding qualifying degree. Certificates only are not valid.
3. To qualify, applicants must have achieved a **minimum average of 60%** for all last year modules of the preceding qualifying Masters degree.
4. **Part-time and/or working students can apply for a 50% allocation of the bursary.** Working students are defined as students who work for an employer, earning a salary and where work is the main activity.
5. R32,500 per year will be awarded to full-time students. The total bursary value over 3 years is R97,500.
6. **Students from the second year of the degree** must apply for the **Doctoral Progress Bursary**:
 - 6.1. For the Progress Bursary the prescribed **Progress Report available on the application form**, completed by the study leader, must be attached to the application. This report serves as a recommendation for academic progress. If the student didn't previously receive an NWU Doctoral Bursary the student must attach the academic script of the preceding qualifying degree also to verify the minimum average of 60%.
7. Doctoral students are allowed to receive bursaries from one or more sources. There is no limitation on the number of the Doctoral bursaries. Doctoral students receiving bursaries from Statutory councils such as the National Research Foundation (**NRF**), **SETA** and other outside institutions may apply for this bursary as a top-up but not exceeding the maximum amount of **R327,400**. The University reserves the right to cancel or adjust the Doctoral Bursary if the amount of **R327,400** is exceeded.
8. Bursary holders must complete the Doctoral degree within a **minimum grace period of five (5) years**.
9. **The 1 Year Extra Grant** is an additional bursary to Doctoral students who received the NWU PG Bursary **for previous uninterrupted years in the degree**. These students also must apply online the same as in previous years. The prescribed Progress report of the study leader must be attached.
 - 9.1 Doctoral students will be able to apply in the **4th year of uninterrupted studies in the degree**.
 - 9.3 To qualify for the Grant the students **must successfully complete the degree in 2024**.
10. The bursary amount is repayable if a student fails to comply with any of the conditions below:
 - 10.1. Terminate studies, or
 - 10.2. Does not complete the course within the prescribed period.
11. 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.
12. Late applications will only be accepted with written confirmation from the Study Leader. Submit application forms as soon as possible for timely qualification.
13. Late applications are invalid.

C: 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 ONLINE application form for each.

R5 000 for students that pass the previous qualifying degree Cum laude

- **NWU students don't apply online:** The 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 preceding 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 only 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:		
Mahikeng Campus Enquiry Office Tel: 018 389 2516/2646/2372/2410 E-mail: MC-PostGradBurs@nwu.ac.za	Potchefstroom Campus Enquiry Office Tel: 018 2666/7/8 E-mail: PC-studyfees@nwu.ac.za	Vanderbijlpark Campus Enquiry Office Tel: 016 910 3157/3134 E-mail: VC-PostGradBurs@nwu.ac.za
Building A1 Room G18 & G22	Building F1, Ground floor, Room: Student Funds & Bursaries, ENQUIRY DESKS 6-12	Building A1