



WTO (World Trade Organisation) M- and PhD bursaries for 2017



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TRADE's research activities are heavily geared towards export and investment promotion and development – from identifying new and high-potential export opportunities for South Africa as well as other countries, to uncovering the keys to greater competitiveness and inward investment flows – all areas of great concern to economic policymakers and decision-makers in business.

TRADE offers (in collaboration with the School of Economics) the following post-graduate programmes:

- MCom in International Trade

- MCom in Economics

- PhD in International Trade

- PhD in Economics

TRADE's research agenda is divided into four research programmes:

Export Diversification and Competitiveness

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World Trade Organisation (WTO)



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The WTO is the only global international organization dealing with the rules of trade between nations. At its heart are the WTO agreements, negotiated and signed by the bulk of the world's trading nations and ratified in their parliaments. The goal is to help producers of goods and services, exporters, and importers conduct their business.

<http://www.wto.org>

The topics of Master's dissertations and PhD theses need to address a research problem – linking the current focus of TRADE (see research programmes) and specific WTO related issues e.g.:

- The new WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) – Dec 2014
 - E.g. the role of trade facilitation in enhancing regional integration in SADC
- Global Value Chains (GVC)
 - E.g. how can SA realise the potential of GVCs in Africa in automotive sector, food sector, etc
- Market access/ Trade barriers
- Export promotion
 - E.g. the implications of the rise of MNCs for export promotion organisations
- Integrating Export promotion and Inward FDI

Refer to the WTO website for more possible topics: <http://www.wto.org>

Bursaries and awards

Bursaries available for 2017

M Com International Trade &
M Com Economics
(Full-time)

= Approx: R 20 000

PhD International Trade &
PhD Economics
(Full-time)

= Approx: R 40 000

Requirements

1st Screening

- Honours BCom (Economics & International Trade) – Average 65% +
- Honours Dissertation: 65%+
- Proposed topic – approved by WTO Research Committee

2nd Screening

- TALP (Test of Academic Language Proficiency)
- Interview

Application deadline:

31 October 2016

Best student awards to:

Best Masters dissertation

R10 000

Best PhD dissertation

R20 000

NWU Masters Bursary

- To qualify applicants must have achieved an **average of at least 60%** for all modules during the preceding completed Honours degree. Academic records of the previous completed degree must be attached – certificate of degree only is not acceptable.
- Part-time students and working students (defined as students who are employed for more than 15 hours per week, earning a salary) may apply for a 50% allocation of the NWU postgraduate bursary.
- The bursary is **valid for two (2) years** only, **R20 200** per year will be awarded. The total bursary value over 2 years is **R40 400**.
- The student must apply annually for the remainder of the renewal bursary. **The Progress Report** must be completed and signed by the study leader to approve the renewal application
- Bursary holders must complete the Masters' degree within a **minimum grace period of three (3) years**.
- NWU bursaries application closing date: **30 November 2016**
- Web address for application forms: <http://www.nwu.ac.za/content/postgraduate-bursaries>

Also visit

Post graduate yearbook:

<http://www.nwu.ac.za/e-yearbooks-2015>

Post graduate studies:

<http://www.nwu.ac.za/af/nagraads/nwu-university-potchefstroom>



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