



The National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS), in association with the South African Humanities Deans' Association (SAHUDA)

**Call for Applications • PhD/Doctoral Scholarships
2015**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified students to study full-time towards a doctoral degree in the humanities and social sciences at any of the participating South African public universities.

Programme Objective: The main objective of this programme is to promote scholarship in the humanities and social sciences in South Africa, specifically among designated groups.

Value, period and conditions of the award: The value of the award is R120 000 in the first year. Annual renewals are subject to proof of satisfactory progress. The maximum period for the award is three years. Successful candidates will be expected to sign a contract as regards conditions of the scholarship.

Eligibility: Only South African citizens from designated groups, with a preference to those from previously disadvantaged portions of the population

- Successful completion of a Master's degree, or entering the first year of PhD/doctoral study following an upgrade from a Master's registration, or registered for PhD study in first year of enrollment

Selection criteria:

- Academic merit
- Coherence of the proposed research project
- Feasibility of the project
- Likely contribution of the project to the body of knowledge in the field
- Confirmation by the prospective department/supervisor of your intention to enroll for a PhD-level programme of study at a participating university

Application procedure: Candidates should provide the following supporting documentation as part of their application:

1. A cover page including the following:
 - a. Full names and surname as they appear on your ID;
 - b. Full contact details, including residential and postal address; email and telephone

- number(s); and
- c. Name of institution at which you wish to complete your PhD studies full time.
 2. Letter of confirmation by the prospective department or supervisor that you will be admitted to the participating university for registration for PhD study. (Applications with offers from more than one university will not be considered)
 3. A motivation letter (not longer than one A4 page – 500 words)
 4. A recent intellectual autobiography: a narrative of the major influences in your intellectual life (not longer than one A4 page – 500 words)
 5. A research proposal outlining the problem statement, methodology, feasibility of your study and the contribution it will make to the body of knowledge in the particular field of study
 6. Two letters of recommendation from academics who are familiar with your work, of which one must be the supervisor of your Master's thesis
 7. A certified copy of your full academic transcript/s
 8. A certified copy of your ID
 9. Sample copies of your best writing, e.g. a chapter from your Master's study or any published academic work.

Closing Date: FRIDAY, 05 DECEMBER 2014

Applications should be sent electronically to: The Secretary, SAHUDA Selection Committee: sahuda.nihss@gmail.com

Applicants are requested to name the files of their supporting documents appropriately and submit their full applications in a single email. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Successful candidates will be notified on Monday, 26 January 2015.

The following South African public universities are participating in the programme: University of Cape Town, Stellenbosch University, University of the Western Cape, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, University of Fort Hare, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Rhodes University, University of Pretoria, Wits University, University of Johannesburg, University of Limpopo, University of Venda, North West: North West University, University of South Africa, University of KwaZulu-Natal, University of Zululand, Durban University of Technology, and University of the Free State.