

Wits-TUB-UNILAG Urban Lab Interdisciplinary Bilateral Postgraduate Studies Programme

Application Deadlines:
31.07.2020
MUS (UM) admission
31.07.2020
bursary application

MUS (Urban Management) scholarships for candidates from sub-Saharan Africa

For studies in the School of Architecture and Planning, Wits University, Johannesburg, February to December 2021
(a separate call will be made for ZA citizens and permanent residents)

Background

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement have highlighted the fundamental roles played by cities and local urban stakeholders in achieving sustainable development. The Habitat III process and the New Urban Agenda (NUA) provided an important enabling framework for these stakeholders to achieve the sustainable development goals (SDG). Yet, at the beginning of the current decade progress regarding their implementation is lagging behind, and thus requires a serious intensification of action to achieve the goals by 2030. Also, the COVID-19 crisis drastically exposes vulnerabilities and inequalities in urban areas and it reveals the failures and the unjust outcomes of urban governance systems as well as obstacles to urban development.

Under these circumstances, there is a pressing need for urban management to address the resilience of households, of societies, of economies and of systems of governance as well as to explore responses that enable truly transformative actions.

The Wits-TUB-UNILAG Urban Lab programme supported by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) seeks to improve graduate education in urban fields across sub-Saharan Africa. The lead partners, the Habitat Unit at Technische Universität Berlin and the School of Architecture and Planning at Wits University in Johannesburg, collaborate in the offering of an urban-oriented graduate training

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and capacity building programme at Wits University that seeks to effectively address the challenges and needs outlined above. From 2021, the cooperation will be extended to include the University of Lagos.

Master of Urban Studies in the field of Urban Management The master's scholarships apply to the 1 year full time degree programme "Master of Urban Studies in the field of Urban Management - MUS (UM)" at Wits University in Johannesburg.

Please note that once completed, the degree certificates are issued by Wits University. They are not joint degrees as such.

The programme focuses on four innovation areas which address SDG implementation in urban areas:

- Politics and policy of the urban,
- Understanding complex urban systems,
- Managing change processes,
- Co-producing knowledge between theory and practice.

Value, period and conditions of the Scholarship

The master's scholarship covers the duration of one academic year. Successful candidates will be expected to sign a contract stipulating the conditions of the scholarship. The scholarship includes:

- Full tuition fee,
- Monthly stipend (living expenses covering:

- subsistence expenses and accommodation expenses),
- Travel from home country/place of origin,
- Student medical aid (12 months),
- Visa fees and related costs.

Selected students will be required to be self-sufficient from February-April 2021, as their living allowance will be paid in the month of May. They will be responsible for organizing their own travel to Johannesburg, their accommodation in Johannesburg as well as for applying for their visa and for covering the related costs. Travel and visa costs will be refunded in the first half of the academic year. Students applying for the scholarship are required to pay for their SAQA fee costs. SAQA fee costs will not be refunded (the SAQA process is explained below).

Eligibility Criteria

Scholarships are open to :

- Citizens from countries in sub-Saharan Africa other than South Africa (a separate call will be issued for South African citizens and permanent residents),
- Applicants must possess the requisite qualifications for admission into the MUS (UM),
- Award of the scholarships is based on a combination of merit, distribution across the continent and, gender balance.

There is no age limit applying to the scholarships for study purposes. However, at the time of the application, no more than 6 years should



have passed since an applicant graduated from his/her previous studies. All scholarship applicants must have made a complete application for admission to the Master of Urban Studies in the field of Urban Management at Wits University and be in possession of a 'person number' which is issued by Wits University upon application for admission into a degree.

How to apply to the Degree Programme?

- Applications for admission in the School of Architecture and Planning at Wits University for international students **for study in 2021 close 30 June 2020.**

- The 'person number' provided upon application for admission must be included in the scholarship application form.

- Every applicant has to fill in the first basic application form before he/she can access the full form. The whole application process (including online access to the application form) is found at:

www.wits.ac.za/applications/

- Wits University is an English medium university. International students from non-English speaking countries must provide proof of English proficiency. Please refer to the URL above for further information.

- Applicants whose previous degrees were obtained at a university outside South Africa must have their qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). Unless an applicant is already in possession of a SAQA evaluation,

a proof of application for SAQA certificate is required and must accompany your application for the scholarship. The SAQA certificates must be submitted on the University's application portal for your admission into the MUS (UM) by **15 September 2020.** The procedure is set out at www.saqa.org.za.

- For the detailed requirements regarding admission including compulsory assignment and CV please see:

www.wits.ac.za/archplan/interdisciplinary-postgraduate-studies/master-of-urban-studies-mus/how-to-apply/.

- In order for an application to be complete, it must include all degree certificates and transcripts, CV, compulsory assignment, payment of an application fee, and SAQA certificate (if your highest degree was obtained outside of South Africa).

How to apply for the scholarship programme?

This is a separate application in addition to the Degree Programme application outlined above.

- Once an application for admission into the degree has been submitted, the candidate can proceed to complete the bursary application form which is either attached or can be downloaded from

www.wits.ac.za/archplan/bursaries-and-awards/.

Applications not using this form, or not adhering to its instructions will not be considered.

- The 'person number' that is issued once you apply for admission to a master's degree at Wits University must be included in

this form. Forms without the 'person number' will not be considered.

- The form also enquires whether your highest degree was obtained outside of South Africa and if this is the case, whether you have a SAQA evaluation of this degree. If you do not have a SAQA certificate, then we require to attach to your scholarship form an official proof of your application to SAQA. All SAQA certificates applied for must be made available on the application system for admission into the Degree Programme by 15 September 2020, as all scholarship award decisions have to be made at that point. Notifications of award of the scholarship will be issued by end of September 2020, after which successful candidates have to immediately proceed with study visa applications.

- Only scholarship applications of those whose applications for admission into the MUS (UM) was successful will be considered.

- The closing date for submitting applications for the bursary is **31 July 2020**.

- The closing date for applying into the MUS (UM) programme is **30 June 2020**.

- The closing date to submit your SAQA certificate is **15 September 2020**.

- The Wits-TUB Urban Lab reserves the right not to make not to make all or to make no scholarship awards.

- Scholarships will be awarded on condition that project funding is approved.

- Please send the completed application form to the following email address:

taki.sithagu@wits.ac.za

Contact:

If more information is needed, please contact:

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However, before making an enquiry, please exhaust the information available at:

www.wits.ac.za/archplan/bursaries-and-awards/

www.wits.ac.za/wits-tub-urban-lab/

www.wits.ac.za/urban-management/

www.habitat-unit.de

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