

NMU Postgraduate Research Scholarships (PGRS)

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Postgraduate Research Scholarships.

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Eligibility Criteria for First-Time Applicants

- Intend to undertake honours, masters and doctoral studies at Nelson Mandela University in **the 2023 academic year.**
- Meet the following minimum academic requirements
 - **For first-time honours funding** - A minimum average of **60%** for the undergraduate degree.
 - **For first-time masters funding** - A minimum average of **60%** for the honours degree or postgraduate diploma.
 - **For first-time doctoral funding** - A minimum average of **65%** for the masters degree.
- Be Bachelor of Education students to be eligible for part-time funding at the honours level.

Eligibility Criteria for Extension Support

- Applicants **must have received PGRS funding in 2022**. Extension will only be granted under exceptional circumstances such as ill-health or bereavement leave and will be for either **six (6) or twelve (12) months**.
- Applicants must attach a letter of motivation detailing reasons why the degree was not completed during the funding period. The letter must include a **detailed work plan with timelines of six (6) or twelve (12) months** for the outstanding activities and must be signed by both the student and supervisor.
- Applicants should not have exceeded the maximum period of study stipulated in the policy on masters and doctoral degrees.
- Applicants seeking extension support will be eligible for postgraduate funding at the same value as their 2022 funding.

Students not Eligible for PGRS Funding

- Students who hold full- and part-time PGRS funding, which will still be active in 2022 are not eligible to apply for funding as new students. These **continuing students must submit all required Progress Reports through their supervisors on the PGRS Online System** by the stipulated cut-off date to receive funding for the 2022 academic year.
- Students who have exceeded the maximum period of study stipulated in the policy on masters and doctoral degrees.
- Individuals who already hold a degree for the same level at which they intend studying, are not eligible to apply, e.g., individuals who already hold a masters qualification may not apply for PGRS funding for masters studies.

Students not Eligible for PGRS Funding

- Advance Diploma, Postgraduate Certificate, BTech or Postgraduate Certificate in Education. These students should contact the **Financial Aid Office** at FinancialAid@mandela.ac.za.
- Employees and dependents of employees of Nelson Mandela University who receive study-related financial incentives (e.g. waiving of class fees) are not eligible for PGRS funding.
- Students pursuing an undergraduate degree irrespective of the degree for which they are enrolled. This includes students in the final year of a four-year degree.

Application Process

Students must first identify the postgraduate programme they want to be enrolled in for their postgraduate degree and apply for admission before applying for PGRS funding.

Applications for funding in 2023 must be submitted by accessing the link <http://researchscholarship.mandela.ac.za>. **The closing date for applications is Friday, 18 November 2022.**

Applicants must **select the 'I Agree' button** before submitting the application, otherwise the application will be deemed incomplete.

Attachments

All the required documents should be scanned and submitted as a **single PDF file**.

- Certified ID/passport
- An official academic record on the University letterhead. Applicants with outstanding fees are required to attach their University account statement reflecting outstanding fees.
- First-time applicants who NSFAS previously supported must attach a letter from NSFAS or proof in the form of an official University financial statement clearly showing that the funds originated from NSFAS.

Attachments

- Extension support applicants must attach a letter of motivation detailing reasons why the degree was not completed during the funding period. The letter must include a **detailed work plan with timelines of six (6) or twelve (12) months** for the outstanding activities and must be **signed by both the student and supervisor**.
- Applicants with disabilities must attach a medical certificate in support of the disability.
- Proof of income for applicants in full-time salaried employment, working part-time or receiving other sources of funding.

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- Applicants for whom PGRS will be their only source of funding must attach a letter (dated and signed) **confirming that they have no other source of income.**
- Applicants admitted for postgraduate studies at Nelson Mandela University in 2022 should provide **proof of admission.** Applicants who are awaiting confirmation of admission should provide **proof that they have applied for admission.**

Applications that do not have the required attachments, are **incomplete**, contain insufficient or incorrect information or fail to comply with instructions will be **rejected**.

Scholarship Values

Level of Study	Full-Time Value (ZAR)	Full-Time Funding Period	Part-Time Value (ZAR)	Part-Time Funding Period
Honours	35 000	1 year	19 250	2 years
Masters (Course Work)	46 500	2 years	25 575	3 years
Masters (Research)	55 000	2 years	30 250	3 years
Doctoral	75 000	3 years	41 250	5 years

- All Scholarship-holders with disabilities may apply for additional funding for an assistive technology device or human support of up to **R20 000**. This is the maximum amount permitted during the tenure of the scholarship.

Post-Award Activities

- Communication of outcomes
- Award letters and conditions of grant
- Registration for postgraduate studies in 2023
- **Honours scholarships not taken up by 30 April 2023 and masters and doctoral scholarships not taken up by 31 July 2023 will be cancelled for reallocation unless otherwise approved by the Office of Research Development.**

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