



NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

PhD/DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS SPECIAL CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS) invites applications 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 and Historically Disadvantaged Institutions.

Eligibility

- Only South African citizens from designated groups, with a preference to those from previously disadvantaged groups of the population.
- Successful completion of a Master's degree; or entering the first year of PhD/doctoral study; or currently registered for PhD study in the first year of enrollment.
- Not older than 45 years old at the time of the application.

Disciplines

Applications are invited from ALL humanities and social science disciplines.

Applications are especially encouraged from (but are not limited to) the following disciplines: Visual and Performing Arts; African Languages; History; Anthropology; Economics; Heritage Studies; Social Work; Indigenous Knowledge Systems; African Music and Musicology.

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.

Value, period and conditions of the award

The value of the award is R126 000 in the first year. Annual renewals are subject to proof of satisfactory progress. The maximum funding period is three years.

Application procedure

Candidates should submit the following documentation for application:

1. An online application form available from the link below.
2. Letter of confirmation by the prospective department or supervisor that you will be admitted to the participating university for registration for PhD study.
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.

Applications forms can be accessed at: <http://nihss.ac.za/content/doctoral-scholarships-application-form>

Please direct all enquiries to Ms June-Rose Ngcobo at: scholarships@nihss.ac.za

NIHSS in collaboration with the South African Humanities Deans Association (SAHUDA)

African Pathways Programme Teaching and Research Mobility Grant for the Humanities and Social Sciences

Call for Applications

The National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS) is pleased to invite suitably qualified researchers and postgraduate students based in South Africa's participating public universities to apply for the African Pathways Programme's Teaching and Research Mobility Grant.

Programme Objective

The objective of the African Pathways Programme Teaching and Research Mobility Initiative is to advance research, teaching, and learning in the humanities and social sciences (HSS) by fostering greater cooperation and dialogue among researchers and postgraduate students within the African continent. Funding under this programme will support South African researchers and postgraduate students who undertake research and teaching endeavours at non-South African universities across the African continent.

The African Pathways Programme Mobility Initiative provides mobility support for South African researchers and postgraduate students pursuing joint teaching collaborations, establishing teaching programmes, new curriculum development, attending relevant short courses, and fostering research networks at non-South African universities across the African continent.

Eligibility

- Only South African citizens based in SA public universities within the humanities and social sciences fields may apply. NIHSS-funded project leaders and registered postgraduate students are encouraged to apply.
- Postgraduate students must be currently registered for either a Masters or PhD/Doctoral study.
- Non-South African scholars from the rest of the African continent may be considered for the Grant only upon invitation by a South African scholar from any of the participating universities.

Duration

The mobility period is one to three months.

Selection Criteria

Applications will be considered based on the following criteria:

- Individual academic merit.
- Coherence and feasibility of the proposed initiative.
- Likely contribution of the initiative to the body of knowledge in the chosen field.

Applicants responding to this Call must provide the following information:

- Comprehensive CV.
- Motivation letter.
- Maximum 1,000 words proposal detailing the aims, objectives, and intended outcomes, timeframes of the project.
- Work outline: a detailed outline of the proposed activities to, operationalise the project, bearing in mind that the Grant is tenable for a maximum of three months.
- Letter of recommendation from a host African university and Dean (including the supervisor's recommendation for post-graduate students) confirming the applicant's affiliation and capacity to undertake the proposed activity in the event that the Grant is awarded.
- Itemised budget.

Applications forms can be accessed at: <http://www.nihss.ac.za/content/app-mobility-grant-application-form>

Please direct all enquiries to Dr Elias Phaahla at: app-awards@nihss.ac.za

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Closing Date: 31 July 2016
Visit NIHSS website: www.nihss.ac.za

The following South African public universities are participating in the programme:

Cape Peninsula University of Technology; Durban University of Technology; Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University; North West University; Rhodes University; Stellenbosch University; Tshwane University of Technology; University of Cape Town; University of Fort Hare; University of the Free State; University of Johannesburg; University of KwaZulu-Natal; University of Limpopo; University of Pretoria; University of South Africa; University of the Western Cape; University of the Witwatersrand; University of Venda; University of Zululand; Vaal University of Technology; and Walter Sisulu University.