



2017  
DOCTORAL RESEARCH  
SCHOLARSHIPS

*Developing academic  
excellence to meet  
Africa's health  
challenges*



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## ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

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HEARD's Scholarship Programme aims to emphasise the mastery of quantitative and qualitative methods for understanding policy problems and for devising, evaluating and/or implementing policy solutions. The aim of providing PhD scholarships is to produce expertly qualified graduates to advise or to be part of influential policy making organisations in Africa.

Under the supervision of Professor Nana Poku and with the generous support of Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, HEARD is offering up to five PhD Research Scholarships (full time) in any of the following key areas of strategic focus commencing in February 2017:

- Health Governance and Finance
- Health Systems Strengthening
- Gender Equality and Health

## CANDIDATE RESPONSIBILITIES

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Award of the HEARD PhD research scholarship is conditional on candidates meeting the requirements for a PhD at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Students will be required to participate in a compulsory training component during the first year of study. The training component will be conducted over four one-week blocks during the first year of study. Candidates will produce a thesis related to one of HEARDs priority research nodes, as detailed above.

During their PhD, students will be strongly encouraged to present their work at international meetings and funds will be made available for this purpose.

## WHO SHOULD APPLY

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Applications are invited from citizens of all African countries. Female candidates and, in the case of South Africa, those from previously disadvantaged backgrounds, are especially encouraged to apply.

### APPLICANTS MUST:

- Hold a Master's Degree in a Social Science or Economics (first or upper second class pass or its equivalent)
- Have demonstrable research experience
- Undertake to register for a PhD dissertation (full time) at UKZN on a topic relevant to HEARD's strategic focus areas
- Meet the requirements for PhD registration at UKZN. [More details here](#)>
- Make a commitment to remain on the African continent for at least two years after graduation

## HOW TO APPLY

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Eligible candidates must complete and submit the online form consisting of:

- A letter of motivation
- An 8 - 10 page concept note detailing your proposed doctoral research
- Certified copies of both your academic qualifications and of your full academic records
- A certified copy of your ID/passport
- Academic letter of reference (ideally two).

## APPLY ONLINE NOW >>

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Application deadline - 31 October 2016

## FEES & FUNDING

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The value of each scholarship is R270, 000 and intended for personal expenses as full time PhD students do not pay fees. The money will be paid in tranches of equal value over three years. Tranche payments will be paid subject to satisfactory research progress. Successful candidates will be based in Durban, South Africa, for the duration of the scholarship, with the exception of the time during which they may undertake field research elsewhere.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

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- Acceptance will be based on supervision capacity in relation to the selected topic.
- Funding will be renewed annually over the three-year period subject to satisfactory progress.
- The first scholarship tranche will be released on proof of PhD registration and the opening of a South African bank account.
- Forms not submitted on the required online form will not be considered.
- If you have not received a reply within 8 weeks of the closing date, kindly consider your application unsuccessful.

## GOT QUESTIONS?

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Contact Cailin Hedderwick:  
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