

ABOUT HEARD

HEARD occupies an important interface between research, policy, and advocacy; working with research and advocacy groups to generate innovative ideas and also ensuring these ideas are turned into practical policies to overcome the enormous burden of disease in Africa.

The organisation's longevity, influence and esteem are some indication of the strategic success of the organisation to adapt to the changing landscape of Africa's health needs and responses. The challenge is to sustain the achievements of the past in another period of change in global health.



2018 PHD SCHOLARSHIPS

University of KwaZulu-Natal
Durban, South Africa

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The aim of our PhD programme is to produce expertly qualified graduates to advise or to be part of influential policy-making or programme implementing entities in Africa.

Six PhD scholarships (full-time) will be available to students conducting research in one of the following areas:

Health Systems Strengthening
Health Economics
Health Financing
Unsafe Abortions
Contraception
Universal Health Care Financing
Gender-based Violence



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CANDIDATE RESPONSIBILITIES

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 three one week blocks during the first year.

Candidates will produce a thesis related to one of HEARDs priority research nodes, as detailed above.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

- 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 (first or upper second class pass or its equivalent)
- Have demonstrable research experience

- Undertake to register for a PhD dissertation (full time) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN)
- Make a commitment to remain on the African continent for at least TWO years after graduation.

HOW TO APPLY

- A letter of motivation
- A four to five page concept note
- Certified copies of both your academic qualifications and your full academic records. In the case of qualifications obtained from non-English speaking countries an English translation must be included.
- A certified copy of your ID/passport
- Academic letter of reference (ideally two).
- Applications must be submitted by completing this **online application form**.

FEES & FUNDING

- The value of each scholarship is R600, 000. It will be paid in equal tranches over three years.
- Tranche payments will be conditional on research progress

- Successful candidates are required to 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.
- The scholarship will commence in February 2018.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Funding will be renewed annually over the three year period dependent on satisfactory progress.
- The first scholarship tranche will be released on proof of PhD registration and the opening of a South African bank account.
- Closing date for all applications - 21 July 2017. If you have not received a reply within 8 weeks of the closing date, kindly consider your application as unsuccessful.

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