

# Wits-TUB Urban Lab Interdisciplinary Bilateral Postgraduate Studies Programme

Application  
Deadline:  
30.09.2018

## 8 Scholarships for Master of Urban Studies in Urban Management

School of Architecture and Planning, Wits University,  
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### 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), agreed in Quito in October 2016, are a unique opportunity to strengthen the urban narrative globally and provide an enabling framework for cities and local urban stakeholders to achieve SDG goals.

By recognising that cities and their inhabitants safeguard global common goods, such as climate, economic prosperity, social integration, democratization and political stability, a profound change in policy responses is needed to enable truly transformative actions, motivating changes in the way we

use, build and govern our urban environments.

The bilateral Wits-TUB 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. Both lead partners, the Habitat Unit at the School of Architecture of the Technische Universität Berlin, and the School of Architecture and Planning at University of the Witwatersrand offer a new urban-oriented graduate and postgraduate training and capacity building programme that would effectively address the challenges and needs outlined above.

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## **Master of Urban Studies in the field of Urban Management**

The masters scholarships apply to the newly set up Master of Urban Studies in the field of Urban Management, a 1 year full time degree at the Wits University in Johannesburg.

The MUS (UM) is set to respond to challenges associated with rapid urbanisation process by providing practice-oriented knowledge and innovative skills to graduates who have a drive for urban transformation. This programme introduces the field of urban management through four crucial and cross-cutting dimensions:

- Politics and policy of the urban
- Understanding complex urban systems
- Managing change processes
- Coproducing knowledge between theory and practice (Wits-TUB Urban Studio)

Addressing, analysing and responding to these four dimensions is significant for engagement with the urban. MUS (UM) seeks to educate and train planning or built environment practitioners, researchers, scholars and policy makers who can integrate the knowledge of and skills in urban policy, development and management and the planning, urban and social sciences in general, in

order to foster transformative urban strategies that enable cities to function more efficiently and effectively. In line with global commitments such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and New Urban Agenda as well as other global agendas which tackle developmental and urban challenges in a cross-sectorial manner, this programme stresses the interdisciplinary diagnosis/ analysis and prognosis of urban issues across all scales. It provides graduates with an interdisciplinary theoretical, methodological and practical base from which to approach the diverse issues involved in urban development. It promotes an understanding of the complex urban processes and effective interventions that can contribute to the development of well-managed sustainable, inclusive and resilient cities

The programme includes bilateral exchange activities, workshops and conferences implemented through the Wits-TUB Urban Lab including a fully funded Summer/Spring School at the Technical University of Berlin.

### **Value, period and conditions of the Scholarship**

The masters 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 including: subsistence expenses, accommodation, other costs)
- Travel from home country/ place of origin is covered.
- Costs of Summer/Spring School in Berlin

### **Eligibility Criteria**

Scholarships are open to :

- South African citizens
- Citizens from other countries in sub-Saharan Africa
- Applicants must possess the requisite qualifications to be granted the scholarship.

There is no age limit applying to 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 bachelor or master studies. All scholarship applicants must have applied for admission to the degree at Wits University and be in possession of a 'person number' which is issued by the University upon application for admission to the degree.

### **How to apply to the Degree Programmes?**

Every applicant has to fill in the first basic application form before they can access the full form.

The whole application process (including online access to the application form) is found at: <https://www.wits.ac.za/applications/>

- The University of the Witwatersrand 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.

- Applications for admission to postgraduate degrees at Wits University for South African and international students **for study in 2019 close 30 September 2018.**

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

- Applicants whose previous degrees were obtained at a university outside South Africa must have their qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). This process may happen in parallel to submission of an application for admission. The procedure is set out at [www.saqa.org](http://www.saqa.org).

- The degree has a particular requirement regarding admission assignment and/or motivation letter and CV. Please see details under: <http://www.wits.ac.za/archplan/academic-degrees/>

- Once admitted for the degree, international students will apply for a study visa from the South African consulate or embassy in their country. This process must be started as soon as an admission letter is issued.

### **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 <https://www.wits.ac.za/archplan/postgraduate-bursaries/>.



The 'person number' that is issued once you apply for admission to a masters degree at Wits University must be included in this form. Forms without the 'person number' will not be considered. Applications not using this form, or not adhering to its instructions will not be considered. Only scholarship applications of those whose applications for admission into the degree was successful will be considered.

- The closing date for submitting applications for the bursary is **30 September 2018** (i.e. the same date as the closing date for applications for admission into the degrees). Only candidates whose applications for admission are complete by this date will be considered for the scholarship.

- The University reserves the right not to make all or to make no scholarship awards.

Please send the completed application form to the following

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email address:

*lebo.skhosana@wits.ac.za*

The deadline for applications is **30 September 2018**.

Application results will be announced in **October 2018**.

**Contact:**

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

[www.habitat-unit.de](http://www.habitat-unit.de)

[www.wits.ac.za/archplan/postgraduate-bursaries/](http://www.wits.ac.za/archplan/postgraduate-bursaries/)

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