



## **Academic merit bursaries for postgraduate students**

**The University reserves the right to amend the regulations and bursary values and/or conditions applicable to the awarding of bursaries without prior notice.**

### **Honours**

An academic merit bursary for postgraduate students is automatically awarded on the basis of the candidate's achievement during study for an honours degree, and is associated with the tuition fees applicable to the course in question. Students will be considered for the academic merit bursary after an honours degree has been obtained. No academic merit bursaries are awarded for achievements in postgraduate diplomas or certificates or MBA degrees.

The award is made on condition that the candidate obtains an average total examination mark of at least 69,5% in all the modules he or she are registered for with regard to the specific honours study, and that the person enrolls for further degree studies.

The bursaries are awarded according to the following formula:

Total tuition fees for a full-time instructional programme (honours) as applicable during the previous year x total examination mark (69,5% or more)/100 x calculation factor, for example total cost for BAccHons = R3 000 x 69,5/100 x 1,0 (as an example/subject to change) = R2 250.

Should a student take longer than the minimum prescribed period of one year to complete his/her honours studies, the bursary amount will be reduced with 0.25% for each six (6) months of study after the minimum prescribed period.

### **Master's**

Since 2002, academic merit bursaries to the amount of R10 000 are automatically awarded to registered doctoral students at this university who have obtained their master's degrees with distinction. These students will receive the bursary in two instalments, namely R5 000 during the first year of doctoral study, and R5 000 during the second year.

### **Doctoral studies**

Academic merit bursaries of R10 000 will automatically be awarded to students who obtained their master's degrees with distinction and who register for doctoral study at the UFS. These students will receive the bursary in two instalments, namely R5 000 during the first year of doctoral study, and R5 000 during the second year.

- **Students from other universities**

Academic merit bursaries will only be considered after submission of a written application to the Financial Aid Office, accompanied by a certified copy of the study record and proof of fees paid for the specific modules/course.

- **Interruption of studies**  
In order to qualify for an academic merit bursary, a student must register at the University as a student again. If there is an interruption of more than five (5) years between the last examination (matriculation or university) and the year in which the bursary must be awarded, the student does not qualify for a bursary.
- **Discontinuation of study**  
If a student discontinues his/her course during the year, the bursary will be recovered pro rata.
- **Final-year students**  
Students qualifying for the academic merit bursary at the end of their final year of study need to register for a degree at the UFS within five (5) years. If a student does not register within five (5) years from their final year of study, the academic merit bursary will be forfeited.
- **Payment of academic merit bursaries**  
Students who qualify for an academic merit bursary will have the bursary amount credited to their class-fee account after registration at the UFS.
- **Undertaking**  
The student undertakes to complete his/her degree studies at this university. If he/she does not complete the course, Council reserves the right to claim back the entire bursary or the part thereof which may already have been paid out to him/her. However, each case will be treated on merit.  
  
A bursary may be withdrawn at any time if the behaviour, diligence or progress of the student is found to be unsatisfactory. If the examination results of a bursar are such that he/she will have to repeat the studies of a full year/semester, the bursary will be regarded as a study loan and it will have to be paid back.
- **Occasional studies**  
Students who register for occasional studies do not qualify for merit bursaries based on their academic achievement of the previous year or academic achievements during their occasional studies.
- **BML (Baccalaureus in Management Leadership)**  
Students who register for BML studies do not qualify for merit bursaries based on academic achievements during their BML studies.

**Terms and conditions apply.**