



## **Academic merit bursaries for senior undergraduate 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.**

An academic merit bursary is based on the achievement of a student in a particular course and is associated with the tuition fees that are applicable to that course. An academic merit bursary is automatically awarded on the basis of the academic achievements of a student during a previous year.

The award is made with the provision that a student achieve an average total examination mark of at least 75% at the end of a calendar year. All modules taken by the student are considered in the calculation of the average of 75%, in other words, also modules that were failed, discontinued, or did not receive admission to write examination.

The following formula is used to calculate the value of the bursary:

Tuition fees of each module in which a distinction is achieved x mark achieved for the specific module/100 x calculation factor, for example Module XYZ = R300 x 75/100 x 1,0 (as an example/subject to change) = R225.

- **Students from the Career Preparation Programmes**  
Academic merit bursaries will be awarded to students from the Career Preparation Programmes. The calculation for the merit bursaries only applies to the courses offered by this university.
- **Varsity College Students**  
UFS Varsity College LLB students are eligible for academic merit bursaries to the value of 50% of a bursary of a Bloemfontein Campus student. All other terms and conditions also apply to these students.
- **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.
- **First-year students who first registered at other higher-education institutions**  
First-time entering first-year students, who first registered at other higher education institutions, discontinued their studies, and then register at this university, will not qualify for academic merit bursaries during their first year of study.
- **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.**