ABOUT HEARD

The Health Economics and HIV/AIDS
Research Division (HEARD) based at the
University of KwaZulu-Natal is a regional
and global leader for applied research
and policy development on critical health
and development challenges for the
African continent. HEARD's mission is to
influence and support evidence-based
policy and good practice to more
effectively address Africa's health and
development issues and to contribute to
achieving health and sustainable
development across the continent.



2020
PHD SCHOLARSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES



A critical component of achieving
HEARD's mission is investing in the
development of African scholars to
master quantitative and qualitative
research methods for understanding
policy problems and for devising,
evaluating and/or implementing policy or
programmatic solutions. 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, and to
pursue additional research priorities





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

APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

- A letter of motivation.
- CV.
- An eight to ten page concept note on one of the three abovementioned three research questions.
- Certified copies of both your academic qualifications and of your full academic records. In the case of qualifications obtained from non-English speaking countries and English translation must be included.
- A certified copy of your ID/passport.
- Two letters of reference, at least one of which must be academic.

The second can be from an individual of professional standing.

FEES AND SCHOLARSHIP

The value of each scholarship is R540, 000. It will be paid in equal tranches over three years. Tranche payments will be paid dependent on a satisfactory progress report. 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.

NOTES

- Applicants in the process of completing a Master's degree will not be considered.
- PhD students may not work while studying.
- The first scholarship tranche will be released on proof of PhD registration and the opening of a South African bank account.
- Applications must be submitted to Ms Cailin Hedderwick, PhD Programme Manager (hedderwick@ukzn.ac.za).
- Application closing date: 30 January 2020.
- If you have not received a reply within 8 weeks of the closing date, kindly consider your application unsuccessful.
- More information about HEARD is available at www.heard.org.za