

Bursaries

Honours, Masters and PhD bursaries:

Please consult the Postgraduate Centre & Funding Office. Applications are invited for the Kevin Rochford Memorial Science Education Scholarship.

Learnerships for prospective teachers:

Pinelands High School offers learnership opportunities for PGCE students doing Mathematics, Physical Science or English.

Bursaries for prospective PGCE students:

1. National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS)

There is a limited number of NSFAS Financial Aid opportunities for PGCE students.

Applications to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) for funding for the 2021 academic year open on 3 August 2020 and close on 30 November 2020. No late applications will be accepted after this closing date.

NSFAS agents are available should applicants need assistance with applying at the university Financial Aid Office or the National Youth Development Agency. If you are applying manually or online via www.nsfas.org.za, please ensure that you attach all required documents. Students with disabilities are encouraged to apply, as NSFAS allocates a special disability fund to all approved students. Please note that NSFAS only considers applications for studies towards selected postgraduate courses, which can be viewed on the [NSFAS website](#). **Direct all queries to UCT's Undergraduate [Financial Aid Office](#), Kramer Building.**

NSFAS funds 4 years of a student's study career, in most cases, the undergraduate three year Bachelor's degree plus one year of postgraduate studies. This is rolled over across institutions, given that it is a national bursary.

Students who are coming to UCT, having completed their undergraduate degree elsewhere on NSFAS funding, would need to apply/inform NSFAS and the [UCT Financial Aid office](#) of the transition.

All undergraduate National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) applications must be submitted before 30 November 2020.

2. Funza Lushaka

The Department of Basic Education makes available bursaries (service contract loans with NSFAS - the National Student Financial Aid Scheme) to PGCE students intending to teach in priority subject areas.

They are competitive bursaries. Each university receives a limited number of full-cost bursaries to award and the number of applications for them exceeds the number of

bursaries. Criteria for the award of the bursaries include academic achievement, studying the right (priority) subjects for the bursary **for at least two years in your undergraduate degree** and commitment to teaching, particularly in schools where there is a shortage of teachers.

Please see the priority subjects on the website:

<http://www.funzalushaka.doe.gov.za/faq/faq.jsp>.

Please note: Funza Lushaka bursaries are not awarded to students who do not have the priority subjects in their undergraduate degrees.

The main condition of the bursary is that you agree to teach in a state teaching post (not a Governing Body post) for a year or for each year that the bursary is held. You will be required to sign an agreement that you will accept any post in which you are placed **in the year following the completion of your PGCE** (no extensions granted). The bursary does not need to be repaid if these conditions are fulfilled. Failure to fulfil them will mean that the bursary has to be re-paid to NSFAS.

Applications can only be made on line at www.funzalushaka.doe.gov.za once they have opened, but you can only apply for the bursary after you have **received acceptance** to study at UCT. When you apply, **make sure** that you keep a copy of the record of application as proof of application and email a copy to hum-education@uct.ac.za (with the subject header: Funza Lushaka applicant - year - name and surname).

Note that, as there is no guarantee of receiving a bursary and that, as bursaries are only awarded after registration each year, applicants must be prepared to pay their own fees - and you cannot simply assume that a bursary will be awarded. **The selection will likely only take place in March 2021.**

An electronic copy (PDF) of your final undergraduate transcript must be emailed to the UCT Financial Aid Office at: financialaid@uct.ac.za (ensure that the subject header reads Funza Lushaka 2021).

Please read the application notes and the Agreement Form on the Funza Lushaka website carefully before you apply, as they contain the conditions for the award and acceptance of a bursary.

<http://www.funzalushaka.doe.gov.za/Funza%20Lushaka%20Bursary%20Application%20Notes%202019.pdf>

3. HCI Foundation

The HCI Foundation offers bursaries at <https://bursary.hcifoundation.co.za/>. Applications for the 2021 intake will open on 1 August 2020 to 31 October 2020.

Eligibility:

South African citizens, refugees and asylum seekers who fulfil the following criteria:

- Current HCI Foundation bursary recipients who are still studying at their respective institutions throughout South Africa.
- New applicants at the level of Honours and Postgraduate Diploma who will be studying at the [selected institutions](#).
- Studying at a public university.

- With a gross family income of less than R37 500 per month.
- Age 35 years or under on 01 November.

4. Jakes Gerwel Fellowship

The Jakes Gerwel Fellowship offers support to PGCE students. Applications can be made during the final/third year of undergrad. **Applications open 1 April 2020 – 20 August 2020.**

The Jakes Gerwel Fellowship is committed to nurturing expert teachers who embrace innovation and lead change in South Africa. We are opening our 3rd year intake / graduate intake to all students who are passionate about leading educational change in South Africa. We envision three pathways of impact: classroom teaching, educational leadership and educational entrepreneurship.

Our commitment to you is for three years: one year when you are in your PGCE plus dedicated support and mentoring during your first two years of teaching.

Q: What do you cover as a scholarship?

If you are selected for the Graduate Teaching Fellowship we will support you with:

- Full tuition
- Full residence fees
- Textbook allowance up to R 5 000
- Monthly stipend
- A personal development coach
- Mentoring and support in the classroom during your PGCE and the first two years in the classroom
- Expert programmatic wrap around support of your personal and professional development as you transition from PGCE to a newly qualified teacher

Q: This sounds great! Am I eligible to apply?

We need to check a few things like, are you under 30? Do you have the right Bachelor's degree to complete a PGCE?

Head over to our website to check if you are eligible to apply: www.jgfellowship.org. All your questions will be answered through this eligibility check.

We will then contact you when the applications open to ensure your application is safely received by us.

Q: How can I contact you?

Facebook: www.facebook.com/jakesgerwelfellowship

Website: www.jgfellowship.org

If you have any questions, email the Graduate Teaching Fellowship Program Manager, Carla Watson on carlaw@jgfellowship.org or WhatsApp us on 083 589 2933 (WhatsApp only).

Please email hum-education@uct.ac.za for further information or queries.