

School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics (Including Theology and Ethics)



INTERNAL APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL DEGREE - 2016

Applications due - 28 August 2015

Please read the information brochure very carefully, and then complete this form

1. Please complete the **personal profile**

Name: _____

Home Country: _____ Gender: _____

Contact address at home: _____

Email: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

2. My previous degrees/diplomas are:

Date Completed	Institution	Degree	Mark

3. Please indicate which **programme** you seek admission into:

Pietermaritzburg Campus

African Theology (Theology)		History of Christianity (Theology)	
Biblical Studies (Theology)		Ministerial Studies/Practical Theology (Theology) • Religion and Governance	
Catholic Theology (Theology)		Systematic Theology (Theology)	
Christian Spirituality (Theology)		History of Christianity (Theology)	
Theology & Development (If so, please see T&D assignment attached)		Gender and Religion (If so, please see T&D assignment attached)	
Philosophy		Religion & Social Transformation	
Ethics Studies			

Howard College Campus (Durban)

Religion Studies • Religion and Social Transformation • Religion Education		Classics	
Philosophy			

Discipline in which you did your Masters degree _____

4. What academic and work experience would help you gain access to this Programme? Please attach a letter of motivation of not more than 1000 words to this form in support of your application.

5. Please complete the attached **Initial Research Project Proposal** (at least two pages).

6. Students to enter postgraduate studies that do not possess an appropriate previous qualification, but have at least 10 years if appropriate experience are required to submit a CV (2-PAGES) and 2 referees reports.

7. If your previous degree was undertaken in a language other than English, you must demonstrate that you have obtained one of the levels of **English Proficiency** as noted in section 5 of the application form. Failure to complete this will jeopardise your application.

8. Please note that the School does not offer bursaries for the Masters or Doctoral degrees. However, Students undertaking full-time research Masters and research Doctoral Studies are exempted from paying tuition fees. Students are eligible for this remission of tuition fees if studies are completed in the minimum prescribed period of study (three years for a PhD, one year for a Masters). *Fulltime international students will be required to pay an international levy of R1 368 per semester (as per 2015).*

9. Please ensure that you have completed all the necessary forms and attached all the necessary documents that are required by the University of KwaZulu-Natal, including a **letter of motivation** (see 4 above).

10. These forms must be submitted – together with the UKZN application form and application fee – by **28 August 2015** to:

Mrs Catherine. Murugan, Research and Higher Degrees Officer, School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics, UKZN, Private Bag X01, Scottsville, 3209, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

Please use a postal or courier option that provides a tracking number, and keep this information safe in case of a problem with the postal system.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

SCHOOL OF RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY AND CLASSICS

APPLICATION FOR PhD IN THEOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

The Theology and Development Programme is an exciting and innovative post graduate programme that works with clergy and laity in helping shape a theologically informed and appropriate response to matters of social justice and poverty in our continent. We have large numbers of students, and the demand for participation is very high.

Acceptance into the PhD programme is dependent on:

- meeting the academic requirements of the University of KwaZulu-Natal
- demonstrating academic competence
- an available supervisor with adequate time and competence to supervise the area of research of the applicant

All applicants for the PhD in Theology and Development are required to answer the following questions, with typed answers on a separate sheet.

1. What previous studies have you undertaken, and how has this shaped your thinking about development and social transformation? (500 words)
2. What experience have you had in development, and why do you feel that further studies will help your capacity to engage in social transformation? (500 words)
3. What have been the key theological influences in your life and how do they relate to your interest in development? (1000 words)
4. Identify two academic books which you have read in the last 6 months that have influenced your decision to apply to do doctoral studies. Outline the critical arguments of each book and suggest how they have influenced your thinking. (1000 words)
5. What is your area of research interest and how do you propose to deal with the theme in your thesis? (1500 words)
6. What financial resources have you secured to undertake doctoral studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal?¹

¹ Please note that the School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics does not offer PhD scholarships. However, if you are a full time student, the University will grant you remission of tuition fees provided you complete your degree in three years. Funds for costs of accommodation, living expenses, books, travel etc need to be raised before you arrive in Pietermaritzburg.

7. Are you intending to enter the doctoral programme as a full-time student resident in Pietermaritzburg? If not, how much time are you able to spend in Pietermaritzburg during the course of your doctoral studies? Please outline your plans.

Please attach your answers to the application form, and send together with all the other necessary documents to

Mrs. C. Murugan
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The full application must reach us no later than 28 August 2015.