

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



INTERNAL APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL DEGREE: 2017

Applications due on 29 August 2016

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

1. Personal Profile

Name: _____

Home Country: _____ Gender: _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

2. My previous degrees/diplomas are:

| Institution | Degree | Date Completed | Final Mark |
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3. Please indicate which **programme** you seek admission into:

Pietermaritzburg Campus

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| 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 G&R assignment attached) | |
| Philosophy | | Religion & Social Transformation | |
| Ethics Studies | | | |

Howard College Campus (Durban)

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

Discipline in which you obtained your Masters degree _____

4. What academic and work experience would help you gain access to this Programme? Please attach a letter of motivation not EXCEEDING 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 wishing to enter postgraduate studies who do not possess an appropriate previous qualification, but have at least ten years appropriate experience are required to submit a two-page CV (and two reports from referees).

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 comply or complete the form 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 **29 August 2016** to:

Mrs Catherine. Murugan, Research and Higher Degrees Officer, School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics, UZKN, 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 postgraduate programme that interacts /links up with h clergy and laity in helping to shape a theologically informed and appropriate response to matters of social justice and poverty on our continent. We have large numbers of students and the demand for participation is 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 views on development and social transformation? (500 words)
2. What experience have you had in development, and why do you feel that further studies will improve /increase/augment your ability to engage in social transformation? (500 words)
3. Detail/provide the key theological influences in your life and show how these relate to your interest in development. (1000 words)
4. Identify two scholarly studies /academic works which you have read in the last six months which have influenced your decision to apply for doctoral studies. Outline the critical arguments of each work/study 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
7. Are you intending to enter the doctoral programme as a full-time student resident in Pietermaritzburg? If not, how much time will you be able to spend in Pietermaritzburg during the course of your doctoral studies? Clearly outline your plans.

Please attach your answers to the application form and forward these together with all other necessary documents to

Mrs C. Murugan
Research and Higher Degrees Officer
School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics
University of KwaZulu-Natal
Private Bag X01
Scottsville 3209
South Africa.

The completed application must reach this office no later than 29 August 2016.

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.