



Bursary for a Master of Public Health (MPH) or MSc Epidemiology and Biostatistics, in the School of Public Health, University of the Witwatersrand

Introduction

The Asbestos Relief Trust and Kgalagadi Relief Trust (the Trusts) are offering one MPH / MSc bursary in the School of Public Health, University of the Witwatersrand – aiming to build expertise, experience and research capacity in asbestos matters in South Africa. The bursary will be available for the successful candidate starting in the 2016 academic year. Candidates must first be admitted to Wits and, if admitted, can then apply to the Trusts.

Master in Public Health

The MPH is a part-time degree, taught over three years, and is in three parts. Part I and Part II comprise 6 or 7 one-week contact courses, with assignments, plus mid-year and year-end examinations. Students need to travel to Johannesburg to attend the courses and to write the examinations. Part III is a research report or research paper based on a study conducted by the student.

For more information visit the MPH website:

http://www.wits.ac.za/academic/health/publichealth/postgraduateprogrammes/masterofpublichealth/10579/master_of_public_health_overview.html

Or contact Tumisho Mashasha Tumisho.Mashasha@wits.ac.za

MSc in Epidemiology and Biostatistics

The MSc is a full time degree, taught over 18 months. The first 12 months comprise 12 one-week contact courses, with assignments, plus mid-year and year-end examinations. Students need to travel to Johannesburg to attend the courses and to write the examinations. In addition, research is conducted by the student with the output being a research report or research paper.

For more information visit the MSc website:

http://www.wits.ac.za/academic/health/publichealth/postgraduateprogrammes/10568/msc_epidemiology_programmes.html. Or contact Busi Mamabolo busi.mamabolo@wits.ac.za

Who is eligible to apply for a bursary?

Applicants need to have an appropriate four-year tertiary qualification, as indicated on the websites.

Applicants must be South African citizens or permanent South African residents.

Applicants must be committed to conducting asbestos-related research.

How to apply

Interested applicants who meet the eligibility criteria can email Prof Gill Nelson at gill.nelson@wits.ac.za with a strong motivation as to why they require a bursary for their studies.

In addition, the application must include (1) a comprehensive CV (please detail all qualifications and work experience) and (2) a letter explaining why you want to do the MPH/ MSc and (3) why you require a bursary.

The closing date for applications is 15 November 2015

Eligible applicants will be interviewed by a committee set up by the trustees of the Trusts.

In addition to applying for the bursary, all candidates must apply online for the MPH or MSc by 31 July 2015 (<http://www.wits.ac.za/Prospective/Postgraduate/>).

Scope of the bursary

The bursary covers all tuition fees but does not cover costs incurred in attending the MPH/MSc, e.g. books, transport, accommodation, meals, and incidental costs.