



The National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS), in association with the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA)

**Call for Applications • PhD/Doctoral Scholarships
2015**

The NIHSS has partnered with CODESRIA to develop the *African Pathways Programme* scholarship. The aim of the scholarship is in line with the mandates of the Institute and Council to promote and facilitate research in the humanities and social sciences as well as to explore new vistas in pan-African scholarship.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified non-South African students to study full time towards a doctoral degree in the humanities and social sciences at any public university in South Africa. The scholarship will be allocated to students whose research is focused on their country or a comparative project on the following broad themes:

- Pre and post-colonial states, institutions and local experiences
- Histories and legacies of liberation struggles
- Regional integration, new development and economic alternatives
- International political economy and the role of African humanities
- Heritage, identity and culture (including literature, performance, art and musicology)

Value, period and conditions of the award: The value of the award is R120 000 in the first year. Annual renewals are subject to proof of satisfactory progress. The maximum period for the award is three years. Successful candidates will be expected to sign a contract as regards conditions of the scholarship.

Eligibility: Only non-South African citizens (in any country in African) from designated groups, with a preference to women.

The chosen candidates should meet the following requirements:

- A successful completion of a Master's degree, or entering the first year of PhD/doctoral study following an upgrade from a Master's registration, or registered for PhD study in first year of enrollment
- Academic merit
- Coherence and feasibility of the proposed research project and contribution of the project to the body of knowledge in the field

Application: Candidates should provide the following supporting documentation as part of their application:

1. A cover page including the following:
 - a. Full names and surname as they appear on your passport;
 - b. Full contact details, including residential and postal address; email and telephone number(s); and
 - c. Name of institution at which you wish to complete your PhD studies full time.
2. Letter of confirmation by the prospective department, faculty and or university that you will be registered for PhD study.
3. A motivation letter (not longer than one A4 page – 500 words)
4. A research proposal outlining the problem statement, methodology, feasibility of your study and the contribution it will make to the body of knowledge in the particular field of study
5. Two letters of recommendation from academics who are familiar with your work, of which one must be the supervisor of your Master's thesis
6. A certified copy of your full academic transcript/s

The closing date for applications is FRIDAY, 27 February 2015.

Applications should be sent electronically to: AFRICAN PATHWAYS SCHOLARSHIPS, info@nihss.ac.za.

Successful candidates will be notified on MONDAY, 30 March 2015.

The following South African public universities are participating in the programme:
University of Cape Town, Stellenbosch University, University of the Western Cape, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, University of Fort Hare, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Rhodes University, University of Pretoria, Wits University, University of Johannesburg, University of Limpopo, University of Venda, North West: North West University, University of South Africa, University of KwaZulu-Natal, University of Zululand, Durban University of Technology, and University of the Free State.