



# VU UNIVERSITY AMSTERDAM-NRF DESMOND TUTU DOCTORAL PROGRAMME GUIDELINES

## 1. Required Qualifications:

Individuals with a research Master's degree or in the process of completing requirements for such a degree may apply. However, successful completion of a Master's degree is a pre-requisite for admission onto the Programme. Note that for doctoral studies the applicants must have:

- A Master's degree in the appropriate disciplines as specified in the "**Desmond Tutu Doctoral Programme Fourteen PhD Positions: Phase One Call**" documents available online at <https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/>

(Further specific information on the respective research programmes and specific requirements can be found on the following link: <http://www.fsw.vu.nl/en/international-relations/savusa/desmond-tutu-programme/dtp-chair-holders/index.asp>)

Candidates must have demonstrable communication and writing skills in the English language.

## 2. Funding:

NRF - VU University Amsterdam Desmond Tutu Doctoral Programme will cover overall costs related to scholarships and programme management both in South Africa and the Netherlands, it will provide to selected PhD students a scholarship of **R220 000** approximately (depending on exchange rates), each year toward doctoral study costs and will approximately cover:

- Two economy return flights from South Africa to Amsterdam per year;
- Required visa and residence permit costs;
- Accommodation and living allowance in Amsterdam (for two one-month visits each year);
- Course fees at VU University Amsterdam;

In addition to the stated amount the doctoral dissertation defense will be covered in the final year, and the project management, supervisor travelling costs will be covered by the NRF - VU University Amsterdam Desmond Tutu Doctoral Programme each year.

## 3. Citizenship and residency status:

Applicants must be South African citizens or permanent residents.

**4. Commencement of studies:**

Successful applicants in this cycle may commence with their doctoral studies any time from **02 January 2015** or within the VU Amsterdam 2015/2016 academic year.

**5. Dependants:**

The NRF and VU Amsterdam are not responsible for dependants accompanying a scholarship holder to Amsterdam.

**6. Application forms:**

Application forms are available from the NRF website: <https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/>

**7. Closing date for applications:**

The closing date for applications and all required documents (applications, copies of transcripts and certificates, and reference letters) is **Friday, 29 August 2014**.

***No requests for extension will be considered.***

**8. Selection procedures:**

All applications will be reviewed by a selection committee and short-listed candidates will be invited for telephonic interviews or face-to-face interviews in Gauteng. Where applicable, the NRF will arrange and cover travel costs for short-listed candidates.

**9. Format of application and required documentation:**

Completed typed applications must include the following documents:

- Application form;
- Certified copy of South African Identity Document;
- Certified copy of academic transcripts ;
- Certified copies of all degree certificate; and
- Two letters of reference.

NB: The two letters of reference must be forwarded directly to the NRF, under separate cover, by Friday **29 August 2014**, to Ms Nosisa Dube at [nosisa.dube@nrf.ac.za](mailto:nosisa.dube@nrf.ac.za); cc: Ms Sindi Kayi at [sindi.kayi@nrf.ac.za](mailto:sindi.kayi@nrf.ac.za). **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**10. Queries:**

For further information 012 and other matters in relation to this programme, please contact Ms Nosisa Dube at Tel: 012 481 4312 (email: [nosisa.dube@nrf.ac.za](mailto:nosisa.dube@nrf.ac.za)); **alternatively** - Ms Sindi Kayi at Tel: 012 481 4166 (e-mail: [sindi.kayi@nrf.ac.za](mailto:sindi.kayi@nrf.ac.za)).