

Funding opportunities for MPhil in Mathematical Finance Students

The most important website for funding applications is:

<http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/funding/postgraduate/notice/>

This website lists all the internal UCT closing dates for submissions. **Often these are weeks earlier than the closing date listed on the funding application.** When in doubt, always submit before the earliest listed date.

For a full list of scholarship and bursaries available at UCT download the latest edition of Booklet 14, *Financial Assistance for Postgraduate Study & Postdoctoral Research Handbook*, available in the right sidebar at:

<http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/funding/postgraduate/applications/>.

Although all scholarship and bursary applications have unique requirements, below is a list of commonly required documents. Having these at hand will make your application process much simpler. All digital copies should be in PDF format.

- Certified and digital copies of identity document
- Certified and digital copies of passport
- Certified and digital copies of University degree certificate(s)
- Digital copies of University transcript(s)
- Certified and digital copies of Senior Certificate and matriculation results indicating exemption
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae
- Proof of registration at the university, if possible, alternatively a letter indicating conditional/firm acceptance into the MPhil programme
- Two reference letters from established academics with whom you have worked closely in the past
- A single reference letter from an individual outside academia with whom you have worked closely in the past

NRF Funding:

The primary source for post-graduate funding in South Africa is the National Research Foundation. A complete and detailed overview of their funding opportunities is provided at:

<http://www.nrf.ac.za/bursaries/opportunities>.

UCT Merit Scholarship:

In conjunction with the online NRF application, all students are encouraged to apply for the internal UCT merit awards. The application form can be found at:

<http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/funding/postgraduate/awards/merit/>.

Nedbank MPhil in Mathematical Finance Bursary:

Unique to the UCT MPhil programme. Available to a single student. Contact Lameez Fakier, ACQuFRR Administrative Assistant, at lameez.fakier@uct.ac.za.

Sanlam MPhil in Mathematical Finance Bursary:

Unique to the UCT MPhil programme. Available to two students. Contact Lameez Fakier, ACQuFRR Administrative Assistant, at lameez.fakier@uct.ac.za.

Absa Pan Africa Bursary Programme:

MPhil students qualify to apply for the Absa Pan Africa Bursary, which necessitates signing an employment contract with Absa upon completion. Details and an application form are available at:

<http://www.absa.co.za/Absacoza/About-Absa/Careers/Bursaries>.

BankSETA:

Multiple scholarships are available via BankSETA. You are required to complete the application but it must be submitted to BankSETA via the programme director or a sponsoring academic. Contact Angie Naidoo, BankSETA Head of Research, at angien@bankseta.org.za.

FINCAD Bursary:

The FINCAD Women in Finance Scholarship Program is open to female applicants of any nationality and citizenship. See <http://www.fincad.com/about-fincad/corporate-information/scholarship> for information and to download an application form.

Professional Provident Society Bursary:

Available to South African citizens or permanent residents. For details and the immediate contact person for an application form, see <https://www.pps.co.za/pages/csi/scholarships.php>.

Harry-Crossley Scholarship:

A very prestigious scholarship, a minimum Honours aggregate of 65% is a prerequisite for an application. Full details and an application form can be found at: http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/funding/postgraduate/awards/prest_fellow/.