

# AFROMONTANE RESEARCH UNIT

## POSTGRADUATE BURSARY PROGRAMME

*'We raise you up to stand on mountains'<sup>1</sup>*

The Afromontane Research Unit (ARU) is growing towards becoming a continental leader in African mountain research.

Consequently, the ARU is looking for outstanding post-graduate students to contribute to our multi-disciplinary research on southern African mountains, especially the Maloti-Drakensberg.

The ARU is located at the foot of the Maloti mountains, in the eastern Free State, on the University of the Free State's Qwaqwa Campus. With our own premises on Campus, the ARU is located ten minutes from Golden Gate Highlands National Park, one hour from Royal Natal National Park, 45 minutes from Witsieshoek, one hour from the Sentinel Car Park (with access to the Chain Ladder), and serves the vibrant rural-urban conurbation of Phuthaditjhaba (a unique community wedged between 3,000 m-high mountains and two national parks).

The ARU seeks to facilitate the development of a vibrant community of practice for southern African mountains, in order to understand these mountains as social-ecological systems, and to promote relevant research in all disciplines under the banner of sustainable development. As a young but fast growing research unit, the ARU is proud to be associated with numerous regional and global partners of high calibre in the international mountain community of practice.

### **The ARU focuses its research into three inter-disciplinary and overlapping Themes:**

- **Conservation & Sustainable Use of Afromontane Biodiversity.**
- **Living & Doing Business in Afromontane Environments.**
- **Sustainable Futures for the People of the Afromontane.**

Prospective students are welcome to submit applications for bursaries for 2019, for consideration as part of our current suite of projects. Please see the details below.



<sup>1</sup>Apologies to Josh Groban



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***The Call for 2019 Post-graduate Bursaries with the Afromontane Research Unit (ARU) – An Emerging Continental Leader in African Mountain Research – at the UFS Qwaqwa Campus, is now open. The Call is open to students in all disciplines.***

- South African citizens and SADC students may apply; non-SADC will be by special consideration only.
- Honours: Students must be registered for **the first time for a full-time Honours degree**. Students registered for occasional or part-time studies do not qualify.
- Masters: ARU bursaries **do not cover Coursework Masters**. Part-time and full-time research Masters candidates are eligible.
- Doctoral: Part-time and full-time research Doctoral candidates are eligible.
- Bursaries are awarded as part of approved research projects in the ARU. Students' applications will be linked with potential Supervisors who will then assess the applications on merit and applicability for their research topic/s.
- Students will be required to be registered with the UFS and be based at Qwaqwa Campus (with possible exceptions for part-time Masters and Doctoral candidates).
- Value: ARU Bursaries are pegged at NRF values, and are as follows:
  - Honours (Full time only): R40 000*
  - Masters (Full time): R60 000*
  - Masters (Part time): R20 000*
  - Doctoral (Full time): R80 000*
  - Doctoral (part time): R40 000*
- Top-ups from non-public purse funds are permitted on ARU Bursaries, and students are encouraged to source supplementary scholarship funds in this regards. Top-up caps per annum are as follows:
  - Honours: R70 000*
  - Masters: R105 000*
  - Doctoral: R140 000*
- Students receiving bursaries/student support from other sponsors may apply for a top-up bursary paid by ARU funds up to but not exceeding the maximum amount of R40 000.
- **Closing date for ARU Bursary Applications is noon, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.**

**To apply:**

Complete the Application Form and submit together with the prescribed supporting documentation via email to:

*The Assistant Officer  
Afromontane Research Unit  
ARU Building, Qwaqwa Campus  
University of the Free State  
Phuthaditjhaba, 9866  
Free State Province, South Africa  
Attention: Ms Lethiwe Sokhela  
Email address: [SokhelaLN@ufs.ac.za](mailto:SokhelaLN@ufs.ac.za)*



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### APPLICATION FORM 2019

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students receiving bursaries/student support from other sponsors may apply for a top-up bursary paid by ARU funds up to but not exceeding the maximum amount of R40 000.</li> <li>Please read the information on conditions and eligibility before completing this form.</li> <li>All fields are compulsory.</li> <li>Students must attach the academic record of the preceding degree.</li> <li>Incomplete applications will not be considered.</li> </ul>	<b>Office use only</b>			
	Academic record		%	
	Full-time		Part-time	
	Bursaries received/applied for			
	Year	Source	Amount	Received
Approved		Amount		
Unsuccessful		Incomplete		

<b>Student Number</b> (if a UFS student already)									
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A: PERSONAL DETAILS					
Title		Initials		Surname	
ID/Passport No.		Nationality		E-mail address	
Student's Tel.	Cell		Home		

B: ACADEMIC DETAILS OF 2019 DEGREE					
Level of study for which bursary is required	PhD		Masters		Honours
Field of study/Discipline/ARU Project (if known)					
Preferred Faculty		Full-time		Part-time	

C: POST-SCHOOL (TERTIARY) ACADEMIC HISTORY: Degrees and/or diplomas achieved		
Qualification	Institution	Year completed

D: APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL DETAILS					
Have you applied for another bursary/student support from another sponsor?	Yes		No		I intend to
To what sponsor did you apply/ do you intend to apply?		Was the application successful?		Amount awarded/ applied for	

E: DECLARATION BY APPLICANT
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I, the undersigned, declare that the information supplied in this application form is complete and correct. I have studied the conditions applying to this bursary, and undertake to comply with the conditions if my application is successful.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of student

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Date

#### Documents attached (Tick applicable box)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Academic record	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy ID/Passport	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of registration
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Checked by	
Date	