

Oppenheimer Memorial Trust

Awards for Postgraduate Study

The Oppenheimer Memorial Trust (OMT) awards a limited number of grants each year for postgraduate study at Masters, Doctoral and Postdoctoral level.

Notes: South African nationals are eligible to apply and preference is given to candidates with a proven record of academic excellence, coupled with financial need, who intend to pursue careers in academia or research. Applications for study abroad may be considered where the field of specialisation cannot be undertaken locally or in cases where candidates have advanced to a level where international tuition is appropriate to proceed meaningfully in their chosen fields of specialisation.

Applications should be addressed to the Manager of the Trust and include the following information:

- **Personal Information**

- An up to date *curriculum vitae* and a recent photograph (3x4 cm).

- **Current Qualifications and Employment History**

- An up to date statement of academic record including degree/s or equivalents, name/s of institution/s, dates of study and category of pass;
- details of dissertations and publications and a separate listing of peer reviewed publications, if applicable;
- certified copies of all certificates;
- NRF rating, if applicable;
- employment history and current job description;
- three letters of support (not more than 6 months old) from referees familiar with the applicant's career and intended studies.

- **Intended Study**

- Intended degree, institution, period of study;
- details of course work, fieldwork (location and duration) and dissertation proposal;
- supervisor/s name, current designation and abridged (one-page) CV;
- letter of acceptance and terms of acceptance for intended study;
- applicants who are already part way through their studies should position themselves accurately within the above framework.

- **Financial Position**

- Applicants should make a full disclosure of their personal financial position and submit a detailed income and expenditure budget for the entire duration of the period of study;
- the budget should reflect all sources of income (both applied for and secured) including personal and family contributions, scholarships, bursaries and loans as well as income from part-time work etc;
- the budget should also indicate all items of expenditure including travel, tuition, books, subsistence costs and incidentals (as well as other commitments that may need to be serviced during the period of study, where applicable);
- individuals who have been granted sabbatical or special study leave should submit written confirmation of such agreements;
- the Trust cannot consider the costs of support for dependants;
- as a general rule, the Trust awards grants on a co-funding basis (i.e. partial contributions towards the overall costs).

- **Motivation**

- Applicants should submit a signed statement (not more than 500 words) that describes their background, general interests, personal philosophy, short to medium term plans and priorities and career aspirations. The following points should also be addressed:
 - relevance of the study to the South African context and the anticipated outcomes;
 - the perceived benefits to the applicant personally, his/her institution and the broader community;
 - reasons that the course of study cannot be undertaken in South Africa (where applicable).

Applications will be treated confidentially and should be submitted at least four months in advance of the intended date of commencement of study. Late or incomplete applications may not be accepted and failure to comply with the Trust's requirements may result in prospective candidates being disqualified from consideration.

The provision of the information outlined above does not guarantee a positive outcome. Where successful, financial support will be granted on an annual basis (but not for more than two or three years' of study) subject to performance and compliance with the Trust's reporting and re-application procedures.

There are no fixed deadlines or due dates for submissions (save as specified above) and applications are adjudicated at quarterly intervals by the Board in its discretion.

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