The UCT Knowledge Co-op bursaries / UCT engaged studies bursaries - 2017

Purpose:
The UCT Knowledge Co-op bursaries have been established to provide support to Masters students who are committed to conducting research that makes an impact on civil society. The students will be required to conduct their dissertations in collaboration with a community partner facilitated through the UCT Knowledge Co-op and need to liaise with the Co-op about this before applying. Any field of study will be considered, provided suitable topics are available.

Applications are invited from suitable candidates who intend to commence with their Master’s research dissertation at the University of Cape Town in 2017, but they need to contact the Knowledge Co-op at least two weeks before this.

Only South African students / students who hold citizenship in the SADC region, and who are considered suitable for representing UCT and the Co-op at the given site, will be considered.

PLEASE VISIT http://www.knowledgecoop.uct.ac.za/kco/proj/available OR CONTACT MPHO PHOBA (DETAILS BELOW) FOR A LIST OF RESEARCH TOPICS AVAILABLE FOR 2017 before applying.

Conditions:
The successful incumbent will be required to:

- Register for full-time study.
- Select a thesis topic from those available through the UCT Knowledge Co-op and conduct the thesis in compliance with the Co-op principles (i.e. partnership with a community partner that respects their needs and their expertise, submission of proposals and findings to the partner prior to finalisation, product for the partner). It is essential to liaise with the Co-op about this BEFORE applying for the bursary.
- Comply with the University’s approved policies, procedures and practises for the postgraduate sector.
- Although successful candidates will be permitted to hold other awards concurrently, and to take up part-time employment, they may not hold salaried/full-time employment concurrently.
- No service will be required in return for the award.

Value and tenure:
The value of the bursary is R20,000. The tenure of the award is one year. The award is renewable for one further year in respect of the 2nd year of registration for the Master’s degree and is conditional on satisfactory academic progress.

Academic Criteria:
The bursary will be awarded on the basis of academic merit and commitment to social justice. Only candidates with a final Honours degree mark of 60% and above are eligible to apply.

Application requirements:
All applications should include:

- a letter of application and motivation, also stating which topic the candidate envisages taking on for their thesis;
- a one page CV;
- certified copies of academic transcripts;
- certified copy of passport if not a South Africa citizen; and
- names and contact details of two academics who have taught, supervised or worked alongside the applicant.

Selection Process:
Eligible and complete applications will be considered by the UCT Knowledge Co-op in consultation with the Postgraduate Studies Funding Committee.

Closing date for applications:
7 April 2017

Complete applications must be submitted in hard copy to The Director; Postgraduate Funding Office; University of Cape Town; Private Bag; Rondebosch 7701 no later than 7 April 2017.

For enquiries regarding UCT Knowledge Co-op topics and conditions contact knowledgecoop.admin@uct.ac.za.

Late, incomplete, or inappropriate applications will not be considered.
The University of Cape Town reserves the right to disqualify ineligible, incomplete and/or inappropriate applications, to change the conditions of award or to make no awards at all.