



UNIVERSITEIT
STELLENBOSCH
UNIVERSITY

Department of Forest and Wood Science

Academic Programmes for 2017

Doctoral programmes

**Enquiries:
Contact details:**

Head of Department
Department of Forest and Wood Science
Stellenbosch University
Private Bag X1
Matieland
7602
Tel: +27 21 808 3323
e-mail: mmein@sun.ac.za

Updated:

January 2017

Contents:

Postgraduate Programmes

Doctoral programmes in Forestry and Wood Sciences 3

Application process

How and where to apply? 4

This document is an extract from the Faculty of AgriSciences Calendar Part 7 for 2017

Doctoral programmes in Forestry and Wood Sciences

PhD programme in Forestry and Wood Sciences [PhD(For)]

This programme leads to the qualification PhD (For) in Forestry and Natural Resource Sciences or Wood and Wood Products Sciences. The programme focuses on research in various specialist fields of forestry and ensures that students become specialists in these fields.

You must carry out a relevant and practically oriented research project in Forestry and Natural Resource Sciences, leading to innovation or problem-solving through high-level research in Forestry and Natural Resource Sciences and in the industry concerned. The research project will equip you at the highest academic level with the knowledge and expertise you need for entering the research industry or professional field.

See section 2.4 in this chapter for general information on the PhD degree in the Faculty of AgriSciences.

The degree PhD can be awarded to you if you –

- have the degree MScFor of this University, or another university's degree approved by Senate for this purpose;
- after Senate's approval of your proposed research project, have carried out and completed, to the satisfaction of the University, original research under supervision of a supervisor for at least two years after obtaining the said master's degree at Stellenbosch University or at another place approved by the University;
- have completed any supplementary study as may be required by Senate to the satisfaction of the University;
- have submitted a complete and well-written dissertation which shows that you have made a particular contribution to the enrichment of knowledge in the chosen field, with proof of independent critical judgement and accompanied by a declaration that the dissertation has not been submitted to another university in order to obtain a degree and that it is your own work; and
- Have taken an oral examination to the satisfaction of the University, if, subject to approval by Senate, exemption from this examination may be granted in special cases.
- In addition, examiners may require a written examination.

As a candidate for the PhD degree, you must be enrolled for at least two academic years before the degree can be awarded to you.

Your application for admission must include particulars of qualifications (accompanied by certified copies of certificates if the qualifications were not awarded by Stellenbosch University), the location and extent of the research, and the subject of the dissertation.

The supervisor will be appointed once your application has been approved.

Please note: As to the date of submission of the dissertation, the number of copies to be



submitted, as well as other requirements which need to be satisfied before the degree can be awarded, the general rules and regulations as given in the section Higher Degrees in Part 1 (General) of the University's Calendar apply.

Programme content

Students choose between 978 Forest Science or 978 Wood Product Science.

Assessment and Examination

After completion of the research, you must submit a dissertation to the satisfaction of the examiners and present a seminar. You will be expected to defend your dissertation during this seminar.

Enquiries

Dr P Ackerman

Tel: 021 808 3323

E-mail: packer@sun.ac.za

Application process:

To apply please identify a study leader and finalise the research project and first proposal.

Then apply online at:

- <http://www0.sun.ac.za/pgstudies/>

For more information on the programs offered at the Department of Forest and Wood Science, please visit the following links:

- Calendar 2017: <http://www.sun.ac.za/english/Documents/Yearbooks/Current/AgriSciences.pdf>
- Website of department: <http://www.sun.ac.za/forestry>