



Studies in Historical Trauma and Transformation

Call for Applications:

Master's Scholarships

Deadline: Thursday 30 September 2021

The Chair in [Studies in Historical Trauma and Transformation](#) at Stellenbosch University invites applications for scholarships funded through the research initiative [Imagining Futures through Unarchived Pasts](#) (“Imagining Futures”), which is based at Exeter University in the UK and funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (UKRI). Two scholarships for full time Masters Research in Visual Arts at Stellenbosch University to be taken up at the beginning of the 2022 academic year are available for two years of study. Successful applicants will also be provided with funds to support study-related costs, such as research workshops, fieldwork support and conference attendance. Studies in Historical Trauma and Transformation and the Visual Arts Department will be co-hosts for the selected candidates with the Principal Investigator of the “Imagining Futures” initiative at Exeter University as external advisor. The scholarship is specifically for research that will address egalitarian archival practice and may be on topics in the following areas, including if relevant the creation of an archive:

- Creative ways of using archives to engage with the past.
- Digital engagement with narratives of violent historical pasts and archive-making.
- Archiving the “unfinished business” of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
- Imagining an archive of experiences of redress and setting a social justice agenda.
- Stretching the meaning of archive to incorporate tangible and intangible materials and practices
- Explore how archival practices can create imaginaries and expose shared pasts as well as diversity, across deep and present time.

Applicants are required to submit a short draft proposal with their application. To be considered for the Master's scholarship, candidates should have received a minimum average of 70% for all subjects at the honours level. A key criterion for selection of students will be the fit between their interests and abilities and the interest area described above. Demonstrable knowledge of qualitative research methods in the Humanities and Social Sciences will be ascribed high importance. The application deadline is **30 September 2021**.

Application Procedure:

Submit your application via email to Dr. Samantha van Schalkwyk [samanthavs@sun.ac.za] with the following information:

1. A letter of motivation explaining why you are interested in the scholarship.
2. A short draft research proposal (1500 words maximum) outlining the proposed research project.
 - The proposal must include a reference list/bibliography of no more than a page long, additional to the body of the proposal.
 - A cover page should include the proposed title of your project and your full name.
3. A copy of your Honours thesis. If you have not graduated, we require proof of expected graduation. Acceptable documents that you can submit with your application: A letter from your university's Office of the Registrar written on university letterhead or a letter from your supervisor stating that your name is on the list of students who will graduate before the start of the 2022 academic year.
4. Your CV, indicating your Date of Birth, year you completed your Honours, and the names and contact information of two academic referees.
5. Copies of all official academic records (certified copies).

Email enquiries for more information about the scholarships may be sent to Dr. Samantha van Schalkwyk at samanthavs@sun.ac.za with the following subject title written in capital letters: MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIP ENQUIRY 2022.

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