



## **\*PHD/D ADMIN IN PUBLIC AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT**

## **\*PHD/D ADMIN IN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

### ***FROM THE HEAD OF DOCTORAL PROGRAMME***

School of Public Leadership (SPL) is located in the Western Cape alongside the picturesque Winelands, in one of the most attractive coastal cities in South Africa.

Thank you for your interest in our doctoral programme. As a postgraduate student, you will enjoy the celebrated location as well as the academic ethos of Stellenbosch University.

The PhD or Doctorate in Public Administration is undoubtedly an advanced and senior postgraduate qualification that leads to the generation of new knowledge.

You have made an informed decision to embark on this new academic venture and it is our pleasure to guide you through the doctoral journey by offering our expert knowledge, skills and competencies in chosen fields of study

At SPL, our students work closely and diligently with supervisor/co-supervisors to produce pioneering scholarly research that is path breaking and innovative. The School accepts a limited number of applications due to capacity constraints and therefore admission is based on available expertise.

I wish you an academically and intellectually stimulating experience and assure you that we are the School of Choice for your endeavour!

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## DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

This programme consists of three main phases: A proposal preparation and admission phase, a research and dissertation-writing phase and a formal examination phase.

## CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERING YOUR APPLICATION

The following are considered:

- Recognised and relevant Master's Degree with an ability to produce independent scholarly work.
- Proven command of research methodology and competence in English academic writing.
- Minimum work experience, with at least three to five years in leadership/managerial/supervisor/co-supervisory capacity.
- A cogent research proposal, as per SPL Guidelines.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Candidates from historically disadvantaged communities are strongly encouraged to apply.

In certain situations, where the applicant has limited work experience, the required period before enrolment for PhD after completion of Master's degree is 3 years.

**In line with the Grow Your Own Timber Initiative (GOOT), applications from candidates with merit pass at Masters Qualification/Degree will also be considered.**

A panel appointed for this purpose will make final selection of applicants.

## PERIOD OF STUDY:

Candidates are required to complete their studies with a minimum period of two (2) years and maximum of four (4) years.

## SUPERVISION:

- The School is committed to matching one or more appropriate supervisor/co-supervisor/s to the field of enquiry.
- The supervisor/co-supervisors assume the role of mentor and provide the necessary academic expertise and guidance required for the endeavour. Our students are welcome to engage supervisor/co-supervisors on critical matters that impact on their research. All these interactions are based on mutual trust, respect, professionalism and ethical considerations.
- Students are expected to maintain regular contact (personal meetings, telephone or Skype conversations, written correspondence via email) with their supervisor/co-supervisors.
- At the outset, there must be agreement on mutual expectations and responsibilities
- At the pre-doctoral training Workshop, both supervisor/co-supervisory and student responsibilities are comprehensively discussed.

## THE DOCTORAL JOURNEY

### PHASE 1: ADMISSION

Advertisements for the Doctoral Programme are placed on our School Website and/or the national newspapers.

**Applications for Local and International candidates open online from 1 June 2021 to 31 July 2021 for consideration of the forthcoming academic year.**

### ADMISSION PROCESS

The admission process has the following steps:

#### STEP 1: APPLICATION, APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR/CO-SUPERVISORS AND COMPULSORY WORKSHOP

Please access the PhD page on the University of Stellenbosch (US) portal via link [www.sun.ac.za](http://www.sun.ac.za) - Go to – Students – post graduation students– application to sun – and click on apply online.

When your application reaches the PhD Programme Administrator's Office, Mrs Riana Moore (email address [djam@sun.ac.za](mailto:djam@sun.ac.za)) will forward guidelines to assist you to draft a comprehensive research proposal (minimum of 20 pages).

You are required to email a detailed proposal, a CV together with certified copies of all qualifications to confirm that you meet all the criteria.

Riana will then submit your proposal and relevant documentation to prospective supervisor/co-supervisors in SPL, taking into account appropriate research capacity and expertise.

**Selected candidates will be invited to a compulsory interview as part of the application process.**

Candidates will thereafter be informed of the outcome of their applications during the last week of **August**.

Successful candidates will be required to attend the compulsory two-day research Workshops **mid-September**, where they will meet and interact with their supervisor/co-supervisors.

The identification and appointment of an appropriate supervisor /co-supervisor is managed as an internal SPL process. Appointment of a supervisor/co-supervisor is subject to supervision capacity.

The purpose of this Workshop is to focus, inter alia, on enhancing the research proposal, research methodology and programme success; to develop the conventions of scientific research writing; to outline and clarify the responsibilities of students and supervisor/co supervisors, and to increase plagiarism awareness and consequences.

Colleagues from the School of Public Leadership and specialists from the external environment will facilitate the Workshop.

## **STEP 2: PRESENTATION TO FACULTY ADMISSION COMMITTEE**

At the end of the compulsory Research Methodology Workshop, it is expected that you and your supervisor/co-supervisor will work on your final proposal with a view to submit it to a Faculty Admission Committee.

## **STEP 3: PROPOSAL SUBMISSION TO FACULTY BOARD**

The comments of the Faculty Admission Committee will be discussed between student and supervisor/co-supervisor and necessary amendments/corrections effected.

The final research proposal will be tabled at the November Faculty Board Meeting for approval and notification to Stellenbosch University Senate.

## **STEP 4: REGISTRATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREE**

You will then be informed of official registration for the Doctoral Degree for the forthcoming year.

## **PHASE 2: RESEARCH AND DISSERTATION WRITING**

You will now have officially embarked on the doctoral research journey. In order to ensure that the journey is completed effectively, a Memorandum of Understanding between you and SPL, serving as a performance agreement, will be entered into and kept on file at the beginning of the first full academic year. You and your supervisor/co-supervisor are also required to complete compulsory progress reports every six (6) months, which are forwarded to Mrs Riana Moore (Email [djam@sun.ac.za](mailto:djam@sun.ac.za)) for record keeping and progress reporting.

The research process requires good interaction between you and your supervisor/co-supervisor. Please note that before actual fieldwork/research operational data collection commences, it will be expected of you as the researcher to submit various official documents for ethical clearance on the Stellenbosch University Ethical Clearance Platform. More information and access to the platform is available online: The URL for the Infonetica sites <https://applyethics.sun.ac.za/>

Please make sure you have secure internet access.

You will be required to login using your username@sun.ac.za and network password. Follow the instructions that are applicable to you.

## **PHASE 3: EXAMINATION PHASE**

### **STEP 1:**

The appointment of examiners is a Faculty matter that is handled under supervision of the Dean's office. The examination panel consists of three independent examiners, who were not in any way involved, in the preparation of the specific dissertation.

The following considerations are taken into account in the appointment of examiners:

- Qualifications (preferably the same or higher)
- Knowledge of the study field and topic
- National or International Stature
- Appropriate practical experience
- Availability
- Academic orientation (of external examiners who do not hold an academic position)
- Deliberate strategy to prevent over-utilisation of the same (internal and external)
- Examiners within a particular environment
- Relationship to candidate
- Independence of the examiner in general

The examiners have six weeks in which to study the dissertation and to provide their feedback in the form of an examiner's report and a completed standard report form to the Faculty Officer in the Dean's office.

Supervisor/co-supervisors are not involved in any correspondence with the examiners on their official appointment, despatching of dissertations to the examiners, or receipt of the examiners' reports.

Doctoral candidates may not under any circumstances communicate with the examiners about their dissertations. Examiners may also not communicate with one another about the content of the dissertation they are required to evaluate.

- structure of the document;
- scope of the document (what is expected of a PhD), and
- technical finishing of the document

The evaluation should also be based on the question of whether the dissertation contains the basic elements including:

- introductory chapter;
- in-depth literature review;
- thorough description of the methodology;
- presentation of the empirical results;
- interpretation of the results, leading to conclusions;
- management implications flowing from the empirical results and findings, and
- summary of the study's contribution to the academic discipline of study.

A ring-bound copy of the dissertation for each examiner has to be handed in at the Dean's office for examination. Candidates need to submit their copies before or on 8 August of a particular year (if they wish to graduate in December of that year), and before 1 October of the particular year (if they wish to graduate in March/April of the following year).

When a dissertation is handed in at the Dean's office, the following information must be confirmed by the Chair/Director of the relevant Department/School:

- That the examiners are still available for the examination;
- That the dissertation is ready to be examined;
- An additional requirement is that the candidate includes a written declaration by an accredited language editor to confirm that both the language and technical aspects of the dissertation have been edited. Should the services of an accredited editor not be used, the supervisor/co-supervisor has to approve the editor



whose services are being used. A letter from this expert, confirming that proofreading and editing was done, must accompany the submission of the final version of the dissertation.

- That the dissertation need to been submitted via SUNLearn, with sufficient evidence that excessive plagiarism has not occurred.

NOTE: The dissertation will not be sent to examiners if this required documentation is not received.

### **STEP 3: PROCEDURE FOR EVALUATING DISSERTATION**

- The candidate's dissertation is evaluated by each examiner individually.
- When all the written reports of all the examiners have been received, a quality control committee under the chairmanship of the Vice-Dean (Research) considers all the examiners' reports and decides whether the Faculty might meaningfully proceed with an oral examination. This report and the examiners' original reports are sent to the supervisor/co-supervisor. The supervisor/co-supervisor may discuss the contents of the reports with his or her student, but should still keep the reports confidential. Candidates are not allowed to have direct access to examiners' reports.
- It is expected of the candidate to submit a full written report with a list of all the changes that have been made to the Faculty Officer in the Dean's office. This report should be submitted at least six days prior to an oral examination. It should be approved by the candidate's supervisor/co-supervisor(s) before submitting it to the Faculty Officer, and has to be forwarded, together with the latest version of the dissertation, to the examiners prior to the oral examination.
- When a dissertation is referred back for further examination (and the oral examination therefore does not proceed), the study leader(s) and candidate are still not allowed to contact the examiners

### **STEP 4: RECOMMENDATION TO SENATE**

After a successful ORAL examination, the recommendations of the committee and the examiners' reports are sent to the Faculty Secretary and all the departmental chairs in the Faculty. During this period, an electronic copy of the dissertation is available in the Dean's office for perusal by faculty members. The Dean submits the recommendation of the examination committee and the individual examination reports to the Faculty Board. The Faculty Board makes a recommendation to the Senate for approval of the dissertation.

With a view to the graduation ceremony, the supervisor/co-supervisor has to electronically submit the final dissertation and relevant information on the SunScholar system, by the due date.

The title of Doctor may only be used from the date of graduation.

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