



OPDT Oil & Protein Seeds Development Trust

OAC Oilseeds Advisory Committee

APPLY NOW FOR A MASTERS OR DOCTORS DEGREE BURSARY FOR THE 2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEAR

Funds are made available on an annual basis by the Oil and Protein Seeds Development Trust (OPDT) for bursaries to assist deserving candidates to obtain a master's or doctoral degree. The objective in awarding a master's bursary is to train students to become competent researchers, whilst a doctoral bursary is awarded only to students who have demonstrated their ability as researchers and who will be working on a research project (see guidelines) regarded as being of high priority by the oilseeds.

The objective of the OAC/OPDT Postgraduate Research Scholarship is to provide deserving students with the opportunity to obtain a Master's degree that will enable them to make a contribution to high quality scientific research in oilseeds. The study should be of a high quality and should result in a high level of research competence. It is hoped that, once qualified, these students will contribute to the realisation of the vision and mission of the OAC/OPDT.

To qualify for a bursary, students must conduct an approved research project under the guidance of a recognised promotor at a recognised university. The project must be a major component of the requirements for the post graduate qualification.

In the case of a master's degree the bursary will be paid for a maximum of two years, and for three years, for a doctoral degree. However, successful candidates must not assume that the bursary will be awarded in successive years: the award for subsequent years will only be considered if proof of progress by the supervisor and proof of re-registration at the university accompanies the application and reaches the OAC/OPDT **by 30 September 2021**.

Universities please note:

- Applications for these OAC/OPDT bursaries may not be made directly to the OAC/OPDT by individuals; only those applications submitted by universities will be considered.
- The OAC/OPDT requests that each university evaluates all applications submitted through its Research Office and prioritises new applications before submitting only the best applications, to reach the OAC/OPDT **by_30 September 2021_**
- The necessary [guidelines](#) and [application](#) forms are available on the website.

It would be appreciated if this information could be made known to appropriate staff and students through the regular communication channels.