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MTH WITH A FOCUS ON GENDER AND HEALTH

The Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University, in cooperation with the Church of Sweden is offering a unique opportunity for interested students to complete a Masters in Theology with a focus on gender and health. The masters can be registered in any existing theological disciplines (Old Testament, New Testament, Ecclesiology, Systematic Theology, Missiology & Practical Theology). Students will thus complete a Masters in their chosen discipline by pursuing research within the intersection gender, health and Theology. Ten selected students will be eligible for bursaries in this special focus Master's program for the study period January 2016 to March 2017.

This special focus Masters will enable students to pursue research with the aim to engage with a wide variety of issues relating to Millennium Goals 4 and 5, the reduction of child and mother mortality; and particularly how these issues manifest within faith communities and thus intersect with the fields of theology and religion. Themes include physical and mental health, HIV and AIDS, sexuality and sexual orientation, reproductive health, gender-based violence and sustainable livelihood.

This special focus Masters will consist of a core module (gender, health and theology), two additional modules (in the chosen main discipline) and a thesis. The program will require students to attend a three week course at the beginning of 2016 (core module and research methodology workshop) at the Faculty of Theology, followed by two workshops in the first semester designed to assist students in the research proposal development process. Attendance of the Core Module and workshops are compulsory for all students in the program. Thereafter students will be required to be in a position to have regular access to research resources and contact sessions with lecturers and promoters. Oral exams must be completed by July 2016, and the theses submitted by 31 November 2016 in order to graduate in March 2017.

Ten bursaries of R75 000 per student are available. Five scholarships are reserved for students enrolling for a gender and health-focused Masters in the disciplines of Old Testament and New Testament. The bursary will be paid out to the successful candidates in four instalments and is subject to satisfactory progress made by the student in the course of the program.

The program has a dual application system. All prospective candidates have to complete the official application in accordance with the procedure and requirements for MTh applications at Stellenbosch University. First time students to Stellenbosch University can apply online at www.sun.ac.za. A full academic transcript will be required of all prospective applicants. Students who are currently enrolled at Stellenbosch University can request the relevant application form for further study from the Faculty Secretary Mr. Shirle Cornelissen at shirle@sun.ac.za. Besides the application through official University channels a detailed bursary application should be submitted to Dr. Charlene van der Walt at charlenevanderwalt@sun.ac.za by 1 September 2015. Bursary applications consist of a full CV, academic records/transcript and a letter of motivation. Please submit all relevant documents in a single PDF format via e-mail. For further enquiries please contact Dr. Van der Walt via e-mail or at 083 693 8686.

All applicants will be notified as to the success of their bursary application by the end of September 2015. Unsuccessful bursary candidates, who qualified for acceptance into the Master's program in the selected discipline, will then have a choice to either pursue a discipline specific Masters without the Gender and Health focus or to retract their application.