



Select a programme

WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAMMES WE OFFER?
Visit the Prospective Postgraduate Student website and click on "What can I study?" for possible programme choices, or browse the University calendar.

HELP WITH YOUR APPLICATION
If you need any help with your application or need more information, please contact our Client Services at 021 808 9111, or e-mail info@sun.ac.za, or visit www.sun.ac.za/pgstudies. Remember to provide your Applicant ID when you contact us.

The Postgraduate Office offers application advice to help prospective and students currently enrolled at the University identify postgraduate opportunities across faculties for which they are qualified to apply. Contact the Enrolment Support section within the Postgraduate Office by e-mail or telephone 021 808 4208 for advice on the programme offering and research specialisation areas.



Meet the admission and selection criteria

Each postgraduate programme has a specific admission criteria. Before you apply you must make sure that you meet the most basic criteria for the programme(s). You can find the criteria in each faculty's Part of the University calendar.

Our space could be limited, so, even though you may meet the minimum admission criteria, it does not guarantee admission to a programme. Some programmes may be subject to additional selection processes.

Useful resources

- UNIVERSITY CALENDAR
- ADMISSION POLICY
- POSTGRADUATE WEBSITE
- ADMISSION CRITERIA

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Apply online

- Create an online profile so that we can consider your application. Applications for postgraduate programmes are subject to faculty-specific closing dates. [View them here.](#)
- Make sure you have an e-mail address and phone number so that we can contact you.
- As soon as you create your profile you can follow the system prompts and e-mail communication.

Take note of the closing dates
Make sure you submit your application before the [closing date](#).

Select your programme(s)

- For a PhD application you may only apply for one programme.
- For other postgraduate programmes you may select a maximum of two programmes from any faculty.
- You will be considered for all programme choices that you applied for, and if you qualify, you may receive more than one offer. You must accept at least one offer by the closing date indicated in your offer, otherwise the offer expires.



I DON'T HAVE INTERNET ACCESS; HOW CAN I APPLY?
Contact Client Services to help you at 021 808 9111 or e-mail info@sun.ac.za

WILL I LOSE MY DATA IF THERE IS A POWER OUTAGE WHILE I'M APPLYING?
No, you can start again at the last section you completed but remember to keep an eye on those closing dates.

Tip

Make sure your electronic copies are clear and that we can easily read everything on the page. If we can't, we will ask you to resubmit the document, which will slow down your application, and you may miss the application closing date. We prefer PDF documents, but you can also upload doc, docx, jpeg, and png files.

Upload your application documents

We can only consider your application if you submit all the required documents by the closing date. Only applicants who apply for the first time to Stellenbosch University need to upload their certificates and transcripts. If you are already enrolled as a student at the University, we will not require additional documents as we already have access to your academic transcripts.

For the list of application documents that we require, please [click here](#). Make sure you upload all these documents and that each document is scanned and uploaded as a separate, individual document.

WHAT IF MY APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS DON'T REACH YOU BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE?
We cannot consider applications if we don't receive them by the closing date.

Application documents we need

- All your qualification documents (final graduation certificates and academic transcripts) leading up to your highest qualification so that we may fully understand your learning pathway.
- Copies of your original documents must be stamped and signed by the awarding institution, notary public, diplomatic official or a Commissioner of Oaths. If you use Postal or Police services to certify your documents, please ensure that the stamp includes the date, name, signature, and rank of the officer.
- Official results. We do not accept online results obtained from self-service portals.

Submit your application

After you have completed the application online and uploaded all your supporting documents, you are ready to submit your application!

We will communicate with you throughout the application process to confirm that we have received your application, and that we have updated your application and document status. You can also track your application on the Applicant Portal.

HOW DO I CHANGE MY PROGRAMME SELECTION AFTER I HAVE SUBMITTED MY APPLICATION?
You need to send an e-mail to our Client Services at info@sun.ac.za. But keep an eye on those closing dates. Once applications are closed, the Faculty will decide whether they could accommodate your request based on the number of places available.

Useful resources

- FUNDING AND SUPPORT
- APPLICATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS
- PRIVATE ACCREDITED ACCOMMODATION
- STUDENT FEES

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Track your application status

We will send you an email each time your application status is updated. You can also track your status online. Remember that we can only consider your application once we have received and reviewed all your information and application documents. Once your application is complete, the respective department will review and consider your application.

Log in to the Applicant Portal to track your application status and make sure there is no outstanding information. Use your username (e-mail address) and password to log in.

PLEASE NOTE:
The respective Faculty Board and Senate of the University must approve doctoral applications. This process is lengthy, given the extensive selection process.

Accept our offer and upload your signed contract

Receiving multiple offers
If you have applied for more than one programme, you may receive more than one offer from us. You will only be able to accept one offer at any given time, making the offer active. This means that, if you choose to accept any second offer, that offer will replace the previous offer. If you are no longer interested in our offer, you can decline it at any time.

Conditional offers
If you provide your provisional results and have not completed the qualification at the time of application, we may admit you on condition that you pass and complete your qualification and that your results meet the programme requirements as set by the faculty.

Final offers
If we receive the results of your qualification(s) and if you meet the requirements of the programme(s), and if we have available space on the programme, we will make you a final offer. You must then accept that offer within the closing date that we will communicate with you.

WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND LATER?
If you accept an offer you can decline it at any time to accept another offer. If you have declined an offer or your offer has expired but you want to be considered for that programme again, you must contact Client Services at info@sun.ac.za. The Faculty can then consider your request based on available space.



Upload your signed contract

When you first receive a conditional or final offer, and you decide to accept that offer, we will ask you to submit a signed Student Contract.

You will not be able to register if we have not received your signed Student Contract.

If you are currently enrolled as a student at Stellenbosch University, you do not have to upload your contract as we already have the contract you submitted the first time you applied to the University.

If you are an international student, the University will provide you with a letter of undertaking so that you can apply for your study visa. You will undergo a pre-registration process, during which we will verify that you have a valid passport, study visa, South African medical cover and that you have paid the required fees. Please read more on the requirements here.

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For queries, please contact the Postgraduate Funding unit: postgradfunding@sun.ac.za

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The University reserves the right to adjust the information in this brochure at any time and as the need arises. This information may therefore be incomplete or out of date. The latest information is available on www.sun.ac.za/pgstudies and at the telephone numbers given in this brochure. The information is given here to the best of our knowledge and as accurately and fully as was possible at the time of going to press in May 2023. It is the applicant's responsibility to verify the given information.

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