

# Embassy of France in South Africa

## PhD Grants

### 2018



The French Embassy scholarship program offers grants to facilitate in the international academic and scientific mobility of South African and non-South African researchers to French Higher Education institutions.

The program offers the opportunity for doctoral students to integrate into French establishments for specified time periods in order to participate in collaborative research as part of their doctoral research project.

This program forms part of the commitment between France and South Africa to establish fruitful partnerships between the universities while building a vast network of academic and professional contacts.

Grants are awarded for a stay in France of 3 to 6 months per year, renewable for up to three years.

#### Eligibility:

- Double Registration for PhD at a South African and French institution (a "co-tutelle" agreement).
- Cooperation agreement between South African supervisor and French co-supervisor, supporting the proposed research project.
- Applications from all academic disciplines will be considered.
- No knowledge of French language required, provided the student will be able to conduct research in English.

#### Selection criteria:

- Academic achievement
- Coherence of motivation and career plan
  - motivation letter reflecting academic, professional and personal objectives and experiences with reasons for academic program and institution choice
- Relevance of research proposed
- Full support from the French co-supervisor

#### Funding can be offered to cover some or all of the following expenses during the stay in France:

- round-trip airfare
  - health insurance
  - a monthly stipend towards living expenses
  - Schengen visa fees
- Applications for partial grants based on a co-funding agreement will be favoured.**

#### No deadline for applications:

#### Applications are open throughout 2018.

*It is however advisable that students submit their applications as early as possible due to limited funding.*

**Application procedure:**

Applications are to be submitted **via e-mail**: [pretoria\\_bourses@campusfrance.org](mailto:pretoria_bourses@campusfrance.org)

**Application format:**

Students are expected to submit the following (scanned or saved in **separate PDF files only, clearly marked**):

1. Fully completed and signed application form
2. Certified copy of valid passport
3. Certified copies of all degree certificates and academic transcripts (both for complete and incomplete qualifications)
4. Motivation letter (no longer than two pages)
5. Curriculum vitae (no longer than two pages)
6. Outline of research project (no longer than two pages)
7. Supporting letter from supervisor in South Africa
8. Supporting letter from supervisor in France
9. Copy of the "co-tutelle" agreement between the South African and French university

It remains the student's responsibility to ensure that all of these documents are submitted. If any of the above documents are not received, the student's application may be considered as incomplete. Note: Please follow these guidelines strictly, and do not submit any other documents than those required, as these may be discarded.

**To request application forms or any additional information regarding the scholarship program and studies in France, contact:**

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