Postgraduate scholarship

Catalyzing Climate Finance for the Southern African Development Community

Call for Postgraduate scholarships in climate finance for 3 Masters and 1 PhD student

The Southern Africa Climate Finance Partnership

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About Southern Africa Climate Finance Partnership

The Southern Africa Climate Finance Partnership (SACFP) is a multi-country, knowledge- sharing and capacity enhancement platform for southern African countries seeking to access catalytic sources of international climate finance in order to mobilise investments into low-emissions, climate resilient development in the region. The SACFP began in 2016 and has steadily grown into a community of practice for climate finance practitioners seeking to drive innovation through shared learning.

The SACFP is facilitated by SouthSouthNorth (SSN), a South African based non-profit company, and the third phase of the programme (2020-2023) is funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). The SACFP is offering scholarships to 4 postgraduate students to undertake postgraduate research-based degrees focused on climate finance.

Conditions for the scholarship awards:

1. Completed an Honours and/or Masters degree in related fields such as economics, natural resources management, finance, geography, or development studies within the last 5 years.
2. Must independently secure university admission prior to the scholarship being awarded.
3. The MSc or PhD thesis topic must be related to climate finance and approved by the SACFP Principal Investigator.
4. A minimum research output of two publications from the PhD candidate, and at least 1 publication from the Master's candidates to be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal.
5. The student will be co-supervised by the SACFP Principal Investigator, in addition to an academic supervisor at the university.
6. Preference will be given to SADC citizens and permanent residents.

Tenure and value:

The value of the master's scholarship award is ZAR 117 000 pp/pa. The PhD scholarship award will be calculated based on the eligible expenses of the field of study. The scholarship will run for 2 years for Masters candidates and 3 years for PhD candidates starting in February 2021.

How to apply:

To apply for the scholarships, please complete this Google Form. Only applications received via the google form will be considered. The following documents are required:

- A comprehensive CV showing previous research experience.
- A motivation letter explaining why you want to join the programme and your research interests.
- Up to two reference letters with a preference for at least one letter to be from an academic.

Closing date for applications is midnight (11:59 pm Central African Time) 30 November 2020. The project reserves the right not to make an award(s).

About SouthSouthNorth

SouthSouthNorth is a non-profit organisation operating from Cape Town, South Africa. SSN assists governments, the private sector and research institutions in understanding the economic, social and environmental choices that climate change presents. The organization collaborates extensively with partners who share our vision of sustainable development. For more information visit:
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