



# Queen Elizabeth Commonwealth Scholarships

The University of Pretoria (UP) will be hosting awards in the following disciplines for 2026:

- MTH Practical Theology
- MTH Science of Religion and Missiology
- LLM in Human Rights and Democratization in Africa ([www.chr.up.ac.za/hrda](http://www.chr.up.ac.za/hrda))
- LLM in Trade and Industry Law in Africa ([www.chr.up.ac.za/tila](http://www.chr.up.ac.za/tila))
- MA in Development Studies
- MA in Political Science

Use The University of Pretoria's website and go to the relevant faculty.

<https://www.up.ac.za/postgraduate-studies/article/3179946/what-to-study> or  
<https://www.up.ac.za/postgraduate-studies/article/3182123/faculties-and-programmes>

- The entry requirement for a Masters coursework or a Research-based degree at UP you must have completed or be busy with a relevant honours degree or postgraduate diploma or a relevant bachelor's degree at NQF Level 8. (SAQA certificate)
- Other requirements:
  - A master's by dissertation – acceptance of a dissertation or other form of research, such as a technical report, one or more creative performance or works, or a series of peer-reviewed articles or other research-equivalent outputs.
  - A master's by coursework and mini-dissertation – A research project comprising a minimum of 60 credits at NQF level 9, culminating in the acceptance of a mini-dissertation or other forms of research.(mentioned above).

Checklist as an International Student for postgraduate studies at UP.

- The South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). Apply immediately to SAQA at [www.saqa.org.za](http://www.saqa.org.za) if you have foreign qualifications from outside South Africa.
- Identify – and secure – a supervisor before applying. Check with the faculty to see whether this is a requirement for the above-mentioned degrees.
- Email queries to the administrator of your chosen department.
- Have all the necessary information about your proposed study programme.

Submit a separate application to the university for admission to your chosen course - for any queries on the university **application process** please contact [ssc@up.ac.za](mailto:ssc@up.ac.za) OR <https://www.up.ac.za/online-application/article/2445192/online-application-instructions>

**NOTE:** UP postgraduate scholarship office will only consider applications to the QECS online system that have a student number for 2026 intake.