

# MEAT INDUSTRY TRUST (MIT) BURSARY WORKING COMMITTEE



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## Information for applicant

### A. POST GRADUATE BURSARY

#### OBJECTIVE

The objective of the scholarship is to provide an opportunity for meritorious candidates to obtain a Masters or Doctorate Degree in some field of importance to the Red Meat industry of South Africa that will enable them to contribute to the improvement of the said industry.

#### WHO MAY APPLY?

The scholarship is open to citizens of the Republic of South Africa, who have qualified for admission to a Masters or Doctoral Degree at a accredited tertiary institution.

#### VALUE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The present value of the scholarship will be R60 000 per annum. This amount is normally payable in two installments and will be forwarded to the tertiary institution. The first installment will be paid after receipt of proof of acceptance as well as registration at the tertiary institution. The second installment\* will be paid after receipt of a document from the supervisor that satisfactory progress is being made. The awarding of a scholarship is not regarded as a guarantee that the allocation will again be made in successive years, but will depend on proof of progress, as confirmed by the supervisor, and re-registration at the tertiary institution. The final intended value of the scholarship is R120 000 for two consecutive years in the case of a Master's Degree and R180 000 for three consecutive years in the case of a Doctors degree.

\*Part of the second installment in the final year of study will be retained until all requested reporting documentation has been received.

## **OBLIGATIONS**

The successful candidate must study under the leadership of a recognized supervisor at the tertiary institution concerned. A formal agreement must be signed by both parties; the Meat Industry Trust-BWC and the student. This document appears on the MIT website.

## **TIME SCHEDULE**

Master Degree - 2 Years

Doctors Degree - 3 Years

## **PROGRESS REPORTS**

Holders of the scholarship are requested to submit annual reports during the study period and a final report on completion of the studies.

## **SELECTION OF CANDIDATES**

Selection will take place at a meeting of the Bursary Working Committee within one month of the closing date. Results will be made known directly after the meeting.

Completed applications must reach the Bursary Working Committee by 31 October each year.

## **B. CRITERIA FOR A BURSARY AWARD**

- An applicant must be a South African Citizen with at least a four year B.Sc (Agric) Degree or equivalent from a South African tertiary institution.
- The applicant must not be employed and must be a fulltime student. A student may hold other bursaries, but a list of those applied for and awarded, must be declared.
- The applicant must meet the relevant tertiary institution's admission requirements for the post graduate study.
- The bursary will be primarily awarded on the academic merit of the applicant, as well as the intended field of study.
- The applicant in collaboration with the Supervisor must describe the research project proposal together with the intended study protocol to  
Bursary Working Committee (BWC)

the Bursary Working Committee (BWC) for approval before the bursary application will be considered.

- The student's academic progress and / or the progress with the post-graduate project will be evaluated by the BWC on an annual basis in order for the student to proceed with the study.
- The intended study should relate to one or more of the following fields:
  - Genetics / Genomics / Breeding
  - Production / Management
  - Reproduction
  - Health / Bio-security / Welfare
  - Nutrition
  - Rangeland / Pasture
  - Environment
  - Economics / Marketing
  - Slaughter / Carcass
  - Hygiene / Product safety & quality
  - Consumer health & acceptance.
- The above fields of study must be with regard to the following red meat species :
  - Cattle
  - Sheep
  - Goats
  - Pigs