

COMMUNIQUE

Directorate Financial Aid

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

To be considered for funding in any academic year, the applicant must ensure to follow due processes and comply with the terms and conditions stipulated and applicable to each funding category.

Failing to do so will result in the application not being considered. As a rule, no late or incomplete applications will be accepted.

2. AVAILABLE FUNDING

2.1 External funding

This refers to bursaries that are allocated to students from sources outside of the University. These include undergraduate and postgraduate bursaries from public, private, corporate/industry, government, parastatals and international sources.

2.2 Internal university funding

Internal awards are allocated to any bona fide student from first-time entering students to postgraduate students who enrol at the University. It is the University's intention to attract and retain quality students by rewarding excellent academic and non-academic performance.

It also serves the purpose of general support to students on merit as outlined by the specific policy that governs the funding category. For further detail on the application and allocation criteria of these bursaries.

2.3 National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS)

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) provides financial aid opportunities from various sources to academically deserving and financially needy students who wish to study at tertiary education institutions. The following provides general information on NSFAS. However, please consult the NSFAS website at www.nsfas.org.za

2.3.1 Students need to apply online and create or register an account. He/she must ensure to retain the application reference number for future enquiries. In order to receive a reference number, the system must "save" the application. The reference number should be kept safe as it is the only proof that a student has applied for NSFAS funding.

2.3.2 **The NSFAS website (www.nsfas.org.za) contains the updated closing date – currently:**

15 December 2024

2.3.3 Who should apply?

- Students who are South African citizens.
- Students whose combined family income is less than R350 000.
- All new applicants (matriculants) or students who passed Grade 12 in previous years, but never registered at any university.
- Students who have never received NSFAS funding.
- However, if a student does not register in the subsequent year of funding and have taken a "gap year", a student will be required to re-apply.
- Ensure to monitor your status, and if any missing documents are required, ensure to submit, as only limited time will be given to respond.
- The N+1 Rule applies to all students who receive financial aid from NSFAS.
- The N+2 Rule applies to students with disabilities.
- Students living with disabilities whose combined family income is less than R600 000.
- Students with disabilities must ensure to report to the Financial Aid Office for further assistance after registration.

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- 2.3.4 Students that applied for NHC and completed a specific course ensure to apply for graduation and need to re-apply for NSFAS funding for the following year.
- 2.3.5 Continued funding will depend on the student's annual academic performance.
- 2.3.6 Additional assistance can be provided to current and prospective students who would like to apply online, but do not have access.
- 2.3.7 Access to any of the University campuses will only be granted on presentation of proof that you applied for admission at TUT. This is also dependent on the Disaster Management Act, 2005 (Act No. 53 of 2005), as amended for the Covid19 pandemic protocols.
- 2.3.8 Parents or guardians that accompany prospective students will also be required to present a valid ID to gain access.
- 2.3.9 All applicants must have a cell phone and valid e-mail address at hand in order to receive the "one-time pin (OTP)". This will be needed to complete the application process.
- 2.3.10 Applicants should visit the NSFAS website www.nsfas.org.za and follow the online instructions to submit information and to apply directly. Applicants should use their own cell phone number and e-mail address (and not that of their parents) as NSFAS will use this information for communication. Applicants should keep the reference number for enquiries and update their details continuously on NSFAS website as well as TUT biographical information.
- 2.3.11 Please contact NSFAS directly (if more information is required) at 0800 067 327 or visit the website: www.nsfas.org.za, or e-mail to info@nsfas.org.za for enquiries.
- 2.3.12 The University will not make any funding decision as this will be done by NSFAS. Final confirmation of the outcome of applications will be provided by the University based on this decision by NSFAS. It is therefore imperative that applicants follow the application processes and provide the required documentation before the closing dates.

3. PAYMENT BY EMPLOYERS OR BURSARIES

- 3.1 Written proof of such sponsorship or a bursary letter should be emailed at least three (3) days before the day of registration to the campus specific mailbox. For instance, if a student will be enrolled at Ga-Rankuwa Campus, the letter should be mailed to finaidgar@tut.ac.za. All campus email addresses are listed below.
- 3.2 A "Student Undertaking Form" need to be collected by your registered Financial Aid Campus before allowing to proceed with registration.
- 3.3 Only original sponsorship or bursary letters shall be accepted. No photocopies or faxed letters will be accepted.

4 FINANCIAL AID CONTACT DETAILS

For any enquiries regarding Financial Aid, please see below contact numbers per Campus.

CAMPUS	TELEPHONE NUMBER	EMAIL
Arcadia Campus	012 382 6295	finaidarc@tut.ac.za
Arts Campus	012 382 6157	finaidarts@tut.ac.za
eMalahleni Campus	012 382 3121	finaidema@tut.ac.za
Ga-Rankuwa Campus	012 382 0542	finaidgar@tut.ac.za
Mbombela Campus	012 382 3761	finaidmbom@tut.ac.za
Polokwane Campus	012 382 0776	finaidpol@tut.ac.za
Pretoria Campus	012 382 4230	finaidpta@tut.ac.za
Soshanguve North Campus	012 382 9195	finaidssoshn@tut.ac.za
Soshanguve South Campus	012 382 9079	finaidssoshs@tut.ac.za