



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: PhD bursaries for South African students within the fields of poverty, inequality, and labour markets

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Dear Prospective Student,

Prof. Haroon Borat is a Professor in the School of Economics, the Director of the Development Policy Research Unit (DPRU), and holds a Tier 1 SARChI* Research Chair within the theme of Economic Growth. The DPRU is located in the School of Economics at the University of Cape Town and specialises in socio-economic research into new analytical frontiers in economics; socio-economic determinants of growth; skills, tasks and the implications for the labour market; minimum wage analysis; and the application of economic complexity.

Applications are invited from South African citizens to apply for PhD bursaries broadly within the fields of poverty, inequality, and labour markets. In general however, students wishing to undertake their thesis or long paper broadly within an applied economics area are encouraged to apply. Examples of the themes that would be of interest include:

- Poverty, inequality and Inclusive Economic Growth;
- The economics of corruption and state capture;
- Economic Complexity, structural transformation and employment creation;
- The impact of technology and the fourth industrial revolution on the South African labour market;
- Wage polarisation and/or job polarisation and wage inequality
- The impact of the national minimum wage in South Africa, and more generally the impact of minimum wages in a developing country context;
- Matching youth to jobs in urban South Africa;
- Identification of skills gaps in the labour market;
- Analysis of skills and occupation in the South African informal sector;
- Analysis of South African wage trends;
- Africa's jobs challenge and youth unemployment.

These bursaries will be awarded on a competitive basis, accounting for both equity and academic excellence. Preference will be given to students from previously disadvantaged backgrounds.

Bursary amount per annum: PhD Students – R100 000

Deadline for applications: Wed 18 March 2020.

For details on how to apply, please contact Ms Wadia Joseph via email: wadia.joseph@uct.ac.za or tel: 021 650 5022.

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