

**BURSARY FOR POST-GRADUATE RESEARCH IN CARTOGRAPHY**

**AND GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION SCIENCE**

The Geoinformatics Development Foundation NPC (GDF) is a not-for-profit organisation that supports research and capacity development in the fields of cartography and geospatial information science. The Board of Directors of GDF invites applications for financial assistance (bursary) to undertake post-graduate research in cartography and/or geospatial information science.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a South African citizen or permanent resident of South Africa;
2. Be in possession of an appropriate Bachelor degree and registered for or intending to register, at a recognised South African university or university of technology, for an Honours, Masters or Doctorate degree, consisting of a part or full research component. The applicant may be registered at a foreign university, provided the applicant has proof that the research cannot be undertaken at a university or university of technology in South Africa;
3. The research work must further the science of cartography and/or geospatial information.

Funding will be considered for:

* Academic registration fee;
* Academic fee for the research component. No funding will be considered for other modules/subjects;
* Expenses directly related to the conducting of the research work.

The following terms and conditions apply:

1. ‘cartography’ means the art and science of processing and visualising geospatial information, including map-making;

‘geospatial information’ means information about geographical phenomena or objects and their attributes, which may appear or occur on, below or above the earth’s surface, and which may be abstract, physical or human-made, and of a temporal nature. It includes spatial information, geo-referenced information, and geographical information;

‘geospatial information science’ means the science of the collection, processing, maintenance, distribution and usage of geospatial information.

1. Applications must be submitted on the prescribed form, and must be received by no later than 30 November for studies in the following year.
2. Recipients must acknowledge the support received from the GDF in their research report (thesis, dissertation) and any resulting publications;
3. Recipients of a bursary must write an article, suitable for publication in an accredited journal, on their research work. Such article must be completed within six months of completion of their research;
4. Recipients must provide to the Directors a copy of their research report and any resulting publications, in hardcopy and digital (MS-Word or PDF) format, within three months of completion thereof;
5. Recipients authorise the Directors to distribute the research report or any resulting publications, to whomever they deem appropriate, for the advancement of the knowledge of the science of cartography and/or geospatial information. The Directors must be able to undertake such distribution without having to pay any royalties or other fees and without having to obtain any further authorisation, including copyright authorisation;
6. The funds provided as a bursary to a recipient shall be used only for the purpose for which they are intended;
7. Recipients of a bursary for research must provide to the Directors progress reports on their work at the end of each semester. The Directors reserve the right to withhold any payments or to cancel the bursary should it be deemed that satisfactory progress has not been made. Failure to submit a progress report by the recipient may result in the bursary being suspended or cancelled. The bursary is for one academic year and recipients, who are desirous of obtaining a bursary in subsequent years, must re-apply each year. Generally, such requests will receive priority, provided good progress has been made.
8. Bursaries granted for research undertaken at a foreign academic institution are subject to the recipient submitting a written undertaking to –
9. apply the knowledge obtained immediately after completion, in South Africa, for a period at least equal to the period funded by the GDF; or
10. refund the full amount of the bursary if the recipient decides not to apply the knowledge in South Africa.
11. Recipients undertake to repay to the GDF all monies received in the event that the conditions of the award are not met by the recipient, or the award is cancelled. Interest will be charged on any outstanding amounts at the rate of the prime lending rate of First National Bank.

**Completed application form must sent to:**

**Email: admin@geodevfund.co.za**

**By no later than 30 November for studies in the next year.**



**APPLICATION FOR BURSARY FOR POST-GRADUATE RESEARCH IN CARTOGRAPHY AND GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION SCIENCE**

**YEAR:** (year for which application is being made)

**PERSONAL DETAILS:**

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| **First Name:** |  | **Surname:** |  |
| **SA I.D. No.:** |  | **Gender:** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
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|  |  | **Postal Code:** |  |
| **e-mail address:** |  | **Cell No.:** |  |

**NEXT-OF-KIN DETAILS:**

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| **First Name:** |  | **Surname:** |  |
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| **Address:** |  |
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| **e-mail address:** |  | **Cell No.:** |  |

**ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:**

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| **Academic Institution** | **Qualification** | **Year\*** |
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**\***If still studying indicate year of expected year of completion.

**APPLICATION FOR:**

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| **Academic Institution:** |  |
| **Qualification:** |  |
| **Year of study:** |  | **Year of completion:** |  |
| **Research topic:****(Attach your research proposal)** |  |

**FUNDING REQUESTED:**

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| **Academic Registration Fee:** | **R** |
| **Academic fee for research module/subject:** | **R** |
| **Expenses directly related to the conducting of the research work (provide details):** |  | **R** |
|  | **R** |
|  | **R** |
|  | **TOTAL: R** |

I, the undersigned, certify that the information provided in the above application is correct, and that I understand and accept the terms and conditions of the bursary, should my application be successful.

Name: Signature:

Date: