

CHAPTER 25

DIRECTORATE OF FINANCIAL AID

25.1 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 general rule, no late or incomplete applications will be accepted.**

Please consult the Financial Aid website at www.tut.ac.za/students/financial for updated and relevant information with regards to funding opportunities and application requirements.

25.2 AVAILABLE FUNDING

25.2.1 External funding

This funding 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. Please consult our website for more information on possible funding opportunities.

25.2.2 Internal university funding

Internal awards are allocated to any bona fide student from first time entering students to post-graduate 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 please refer to the financial aid website mentioned above.

25.2.3 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, as well as the University website for more information.

25.2.3.1 Applications must be made directly to NSFAS, preferably online. Please use the above website to apply and for general information with regards to this process.

25.2.3.2 Please take note of the following closing dates which are currently applicable. The NSFAS website (www.nsfas.org.za) contains future updates in this regard.

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS

Category	Opening	Closing
Grade 12 and past matriculates	1 August	30 November
Students who were not previously funded	1 September	30 November

25.2.3.3 Who should apply?

- 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.



- 25.2.3.4 All students funded from the 2016 academic year onwards must register on the NSFAS website to verify their details.
- 25.2.3.5 Continued funding will depend on the student's annual academic performance.
- 25.2.3.6 Additional assistance can be provided to current and prospective students who would like to apply online, but do not have access. Please contact your local Financial Aid Office for more information (see **25.2.3.14**).
- 25.2.3.7 Any student who needs assistance with their application are requested to ensure they bring all the necessary documents to apply (consult the NSFAS website for a checklist of these documents).
- 25.2.3.8 Access to any of the University campuses will only be granted on presentation of proof that you applied for admission at TUT.
- 25.2.3.9 Parents or guardians that accompany prospective students will also be required to present a valid ID to gain access.
- 25.2.3.10 All applicants must have a cell phone at hand in order to receive the "one-time pin (OTP)". This will be needed to complete the application process.
- 25.2.3.11 All applicants need to download the consent form first. Applicants with disabilities need to download the consent form and the disability annexure A. All documents must be scanned in separately, as the system will ask you to upload individual documents. The system does not allow you to save and return, and you must finish the process. (You must have all your documents before starting the process.) Applicants must ensure to obtain and keep their reference number for enquiries.
- 25.2.3.12 Please contact your local Financial Aid Office or NSFAS directly (if more information is required) at 0860 067 327 or visit www.nsfas.org.za.
- 25.2.3.13 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.

25.2.3.14 CONTACT DETAILS

For any enquiries regarding Financial Aid please see below contact numbers per Campus, or visit the University website under specific link <https://www.tut.ac.za/bursaries-and-loans/contact-us> and select the "Log a Query" tab, to send an email.

CAMPUS	TELEPHONE NUMBER
Arcadia Campus	012 382 6295
eMalahleni Campus	013 653 3121
Ga-Rankuwa Campus	012 382 0616
Mbombela Campus	013 745 3561
Polokwane Campus	015 287 0776
Pretoria Campus	012 382 4465
Soshanguve North Campus	012 382 9105
Soshanguve South Campus	012 382 9082