

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 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 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.

25.2.3.2 The NSFAS website (www.nsfas.org.za) contains future updates in this regard. Students must ensure not to miss the deadline or to wait until the last day.

25.2.3.3 Who should apply?

- Students who are South African citizens.
- Students whose combined family income is less than R350 000 per annum, and in cases of students living with a disability, the combine income is less than R600000 per annum.
- 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.
- If a student applied for, and received funding in any particular year, he or she need to re-apply each year, ensure to visit NSFAS website for clear instructions. Continued funding for the sub



sequent years is based on a student's academic performance in the year that funding was received.

- 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.

- 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 determined by the NSFAS Eligibility Criteria.
- 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 the 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. This is also dependent on the Disaster Management Act, 2005 (Act No. 53 of 2005), as amended for the Covid-19 pandemic protocols.
- 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 and valid e-mail address 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.
- 25.2.3.11 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 cellphone 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.
- 25.2.3.12 Please contact the local Financial Aid Office or NSFAS directly (if more information is required) at 0860 067 327, or visit the website: www.nsfas.org.za, or e-mail to info@nsfas.org.za. for enquiries.
- 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. Applicants are further encouraged to track their NSFAS applications at www.nsfas.org.za.



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 e-mail.

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Ga-Rankuwa Campus	012 382 0542	finaidgar@tut.ac.za
Mbombela Campus	012 382 3561	finaidmbom@tut.ac.za
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