FOODBEV SETA



RESEARCH AND INNOVATION BURSARY PROGRAMME (PhD and MASTER'S DEGREE) 2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Food and Beverage Manufacturing Sector Education and Training Authority (FoodBev SETA) invites public universities of South Africa to apply for Postgraduate Research and Innovation Bursary Programme for students studying towards their Doctorate (PhD) and Master's degrees for the 2022/2023 academic year.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The FoodBev SETA has developed the Research Bursary Programme in response to the research and development needs of the food and beverages manufacturing sector. Research and development contribute to the body of knowledge and adds on the sectoral research innovation capacity. In addition, the programme also contributes towards the skills needed (i.e. researchers) to produce research that is relevant and has a positive impact on the sector, whilst at the same time advancing the FoodBev SETA research agenda. Therefore, students with *approved research proposals (PhD)* and with research topics relevant and responsive to the food and beverages Manufacturing value chain are encouraged to apply for this research grant.

VALUE OF FUNDING

The bursary value is set at a sufficiently attractive level to provide an incentive for students to pursue postgraduate studies. The value of the awards is set as follows:

- ✓ Master's students are eligible to receive a maximum of R120,000.00 (i.e., for the duration of the study)based on the evaluation outcome of the students' approved research topics.
- ✓ PhD students are eligible to receive a maximum of R150,000.00 (i.e., for the duration of the study)based on the evaluation outcome of the students' approved proposals.

ELIGIBILITY

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS & OTHER CONDITIONS

- Must be a South African citizen or permanent resident.
- Preference will be given to students from previously disadvantaged groups.
- A student must not be in possession of another bursary funding and this must be confirmed by the university Bursary Office.

The requirements and conditions of this funding are as follows:

Master's Students

- ✓ Proof of registration for the 2022/2023 academic year
- ✓ Research topics endorsed by the supervisors (relevant and responsive to the food and beverages manufacturing value chain)
- ✓ The bursary covers the following expenses: registration fees, tuition fees, research costs, and study material to a maximum of R120 000.00.
- Students must submit a progress report at the end of every academic year, and this must be signed off by the supervisor.

PhD Students

- ✓ Proof of registration for the 2022/2023 academic year
- ✓ Students who have an approved Research Proposal by the university with clear timeframes and estimated year of completion (NB: The expected timeframe for completion of PhD is between 2-5 years from the current academic year for reporting purposes by the SETA).
- ✓ The bursary covers the following expenses: tuition fees, and
 costs associated with the research undertaken to a maximum
 of R150 000,00.
- ✓ Students must submit a progress report at the end of every academic year, and this must be signed off by the supervisor.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application forms must be duly completed, signed, and submitted with all required supporting documents to FoodBev SETA.

Compulsory Supporting Documents to be Submitted:

The fully completed application form must be accompanied by the following documents:

- 1. A copy of the student's certified ID that is not older than three (3) months.
- 2. Proof of registration for the 2022/2023 academic year
- 3. Approved research proposal (including research costs) with confirmation from the recognised tertiary institutions for PhD students, as well as research topic endorsed by the supervisor for Master's students.

The funding window will close on the 17 February 2023

NB: FoodBev SETA reserves the right to cancel the grant funding as a whole or partially at its discretion. Grant funding will be limited to the availability of funds.

All applications must reach FoodBev SETA on or before the closing date **17 February 2023**. For more information about this bursary please contact Collin Mshayisa on 011 253 7322 or Mondi Makhubu on 011 253 7343 or email: ResearchBursaries@FoodBev.co.za.

Sinaye Mgidi

Snr. Manager: Learning Programmes & Strategic Projects