

# Call for Applications for UCDG 2025

## Emerging Researcher Grant For The Advancement Of Higher Degree Qualifications

The institutional Capacity Development Grant (UCDG) is one of the sub-programmes in the National University Capacity Development Programme (UCDP), implemented by the DHET and universities.

The NWU's approved UCDP plan 2024-2026 makes provision for the Advancement of Higher Degree Qualifications, as part of the UCDG staff development component (focus area 2). Project 8 specifically aims at improving the proportions of NWU employees with a master's or doctoral qualification. Individual grants are awarded on an annual basis to provide financial support to cover costs typically associated with the completion of a higher degree.

### Eligibility

- NWU employees- full-time, permanently appointed, or appointed for a fixed term with full benefits whose contract is not ending in the funding year.
- Applicants must be registered for a master's or doctoral degree with the intention to submit for examination in the funding year. Priority will be given to candidates who provide proof of notices of submission.
- A candidate is only eligible to receive the grant once per level i.e. once for a master's degree and once for a doctoral degree.
- No second master's or doctoral degree per person will be funded.
- Previously disadvantaged groups are encouraged to apply.

[Application form can be found here](#)

### For more information

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