



Faculty of Science

Energy Studies Masters and PhD

Application Guidelines

Introduction

The Energy Studies Masters and PhD degrees offered through the Faculty of Science at the University of Johannesburg are by research only, and a full Masters dissertation/PhD thesis needs to be produced. The postgraduate degrees are offered on a full-time and a part-time basis. A full-time Masters needs to be completed in 2 years, and a part-time Masters in 3 years. A full-time PhD needs to be completed in 3 years, and a part-time PhD in 4 years. These time limits are strictly enforced by the Faculty of Science.

In cases where the course coordinator deems that Masters or PhD candidates do not have a sufficient background in Energy Studies, students may be required to take the Energy Studies Honours modules too.

Entry Requirements

According to the Faculty of Science's Rules and Regulations for Postgraduate Programmes, students applying for Masters degree studies need to have obtained their Honours degree with an average of at least 65%, and students applying for PhD degree studies need to have obtained their Masters degree with an average of at least 65%. Applicants who obtained an average of at least 60% in their previous degree will be considered if they have appropriate work and/or research experience.

Application Procedure

All applications are to be submitted via the University of Johannesburg website at: <https://www.uj.ac.za/studyatUJ/sec/Pages/postgraduate.aspx>. Completed applications should reach us by **31 October** prior to the year of study.

A **2-page proposal** on the envisioned research topic for the Masters/PhD study needs to accompany the online application. It can either be submitted along with all the other documentation through the online application portal, or emailed directly to Kristy Langerman (klangerman@uj.ac.za). The proposal needs to include a title, justification for study, aim, objectives and brief methodology. It should be properly referenced.

A departmental selection panel will evaluate all applications in early November, and applicants will be selected based on merit, and according to alignment of topics with the expertise of available supervisors. Please note that a decision of *Conditional Acceptance* upon application is NOT a guarantee of acceptance. The final decision on acceptance, or not, will be provided by the end of November.

Applicants will also be required to come through for an interview with the Energy Studies staff.

All Energy Studies Masters and PhDs need to be either supervised or co-supervised by a member of staff of the Department of Geography, Environmental Management and Energy Studies (GEMES). Supervisors from other departments and even external to the university are permitted, as long as one of the GEMES staff co-supervise.

Applicants are encouraged to liaise with potential supervisors during the application process.

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