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**Study a Master of Philosophy in Social
Policy and Development**

WHY CHOOSE THE UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG?



RANKED #1 UNIVERSITY IN AFRICA

According to the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings released on 1 June 2023.



CHOOSE BETWEEN FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME OPTIONS

To enable you to study in a way that best suits your work schedule and commitments.



GET AHEAD IN YOUR CAREER

Our alumni note how valuable the course has been in their career progression.



BLENDED LEARNING DESIGN

The course includes a mix of face-to-face classes and online lectures, tutorials, and discussion groups as well as self-study components and independent research.



NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Cross-disciplinary scholarship and the use of world and regional experts for course input offer exceptional networking opportunities.



WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

Receive world-class education in a Proudly South African setting at a trusted institution. Get the authentic UJ experience which includes a vibrant and dynamic pace and the energy of cosmopolitan Johannesburg.

Master of Philosophy in Social Policy and Development

Recognised as the country's second strongest brand, UJ offers world-class, internationally recognised academic programmes based on curricula informed by cutting-edge developments in both undergraduate and postgraduate education, and that are designed to prepare students for the world of work and for global citizenship.

This sought-after programme is an interdisciplinary Masters Coursework and Research programme that will build your knowledge and practice capacity in developing and analysing social policies and interventions intended to address social development challenges at the national, community and household level in South Africa and the Southern African region.

You will build your research skills to inform and evaluate social policies and programmes. The course is designed to ensure it has applicability to other development contexts. You will also be able to connect with expert social development scholars, policy makers and practitioners as you deepen your skills.

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I am now able to critically analyze conversations around social issues which is something I struggled with at work, especially as I needed to write opinion pieces on the research work that I've done. I finally managed to produce and publish two conference papers and an opinion piece in my first year of enrolling in the MPhil.



Lerato Mahwai, MPhil 2019 Cohort

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The Future Reimagined



Thobile Zulu, MPhil 2021 Cohort

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The impact of the MPhil on my career has been extraordinary because I am now fully aware of where I am intending to go in my career. I now have a solid plan that I am going to turn into a reality. With the knowledge that I have gained through the course, I am very excited and looking forward to growing more and making my dreams a reality thanks to the foundation that doing the MPhil has provided.

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HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the course open on 01 April 2023. Applications will be accepted until 30 September @ 12h00. International students are encouraged to apply early to ensure sufficient time for visa processing.

There are TWO steps in the application process:

Step 1: Apply [here](#) AND

Step 2: Send the following documents to the CSDA at csdainfo@uj.ac.za:

- Proof of your online application
- Academic records
- Copy of ID or passport
- CV
- Letter of motivation outlining why you would like to do the course
- 1-2 page essay on the social policy or social development challenge you would like to focus on in your research
- 1-2 contactable academic or work-related references

For full details about tuition fees, click [here](#).

SCHOLARSHIPS

The CSDA administers the [Prof Tessa Hochfeld Memorial bursary](#). This bursary will cover the fees of eligible students. The bursary is awarded on a competitive basis. If you wish to apply, please include a separate motivation letter with your application, indicating why you should be considered for the scholarship.

In addition, there are various scholarships that can be applied for (for both South African and international students). For information on these funding opportunities, please click [here](#).

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