

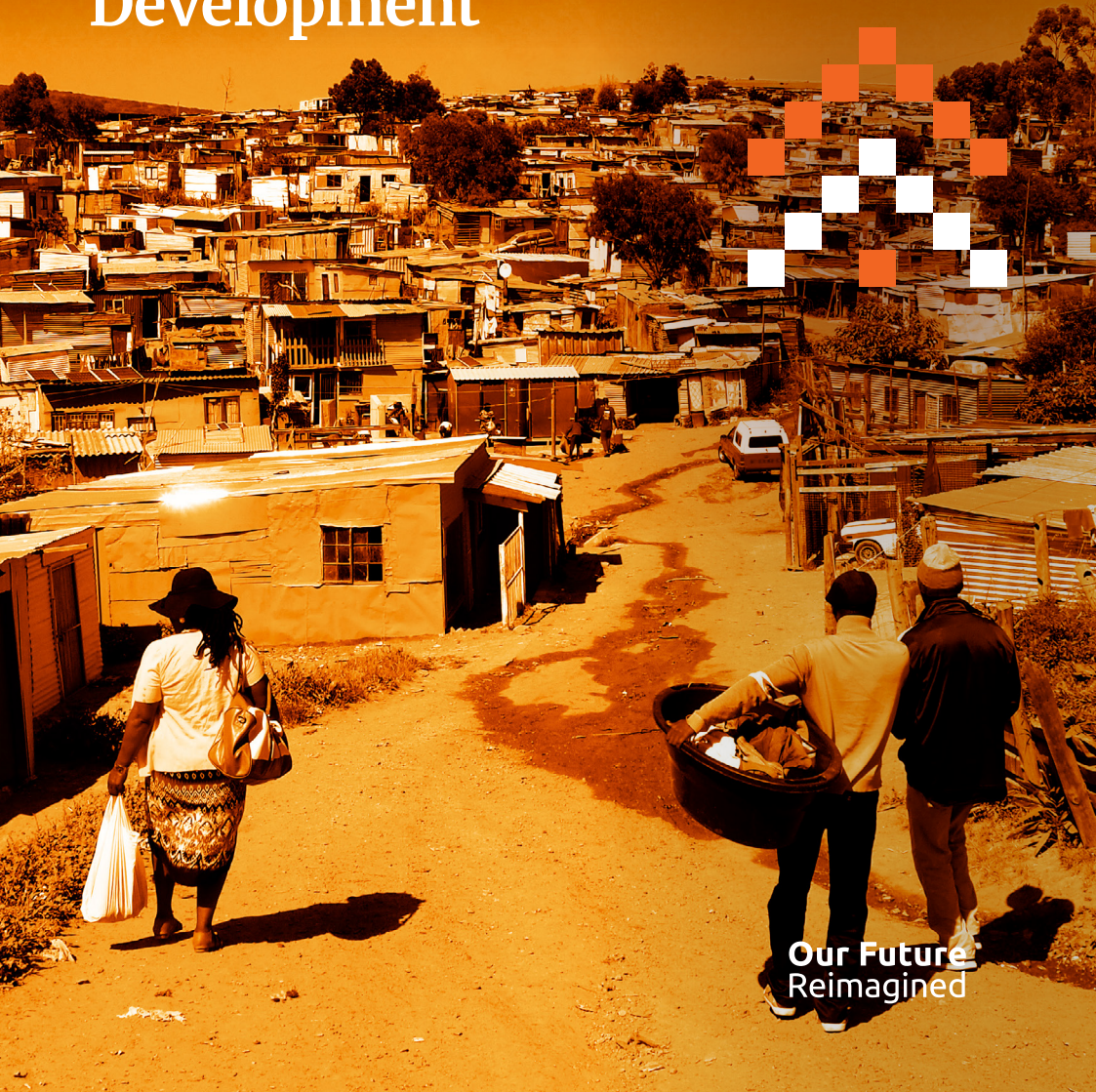
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Study a Master  
of Philosophy in  
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# WHY CHOOSE THE UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG?



## **RANKED #1 UNIVERSITY IN AFRICA**

According to the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings released on 1 June 2024.



## **CHOOSE BETWEEN FULL-TIME OR PART- TIME STUDY OPTIONS**

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



## **GET AHEAD IN YOUR CAREER**

Our alumni affirm how invaluable the course has been in their career progression.



## **BLENDED LEARNING DESIGN**

The course incorporates 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.

This programme will enhance your knowledge and practical skills in developing and analysing social policies and interventions to address critical social development challenges. Ideal for development professionals working in the private, public and civil society sectors.

# MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN SOCIAL POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT

**The programme is offered by the Centre for Social Development in Africa and housed in the Department of Anthropology and Development Studies, both entities that have contributed to Development Studies being UJ's #1 subject according to the 2025 QS World University Rankings.**

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

You will enhance your research skills to critically assess and inform social policies and programmes. The course is structured to ensure its relevance across various development contexts. You will also connect with expert social development experts, policymakers and practitioners as you deepen your skills.



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*I am now able to critically analyse 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.*

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**Lerato Mahwai, MPhil 2019 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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**Thobile Zulu, MPhil 2021 Cohort**



# HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the course open on 01 April 2025. Applications will be accepted until 31 October 2025 @ 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](mailto:csdainfo@uj.ac.za):

- Proof of your online application
- Academic transcripts and degree certificates
- 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 tuition fees of eligible students. The bursary is awarded on a competitive basis. If you wish to apply for it, please include a separate motivation letter with your application, indicating why you should be considered.

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

## GET IN TOUCH

If you're considering studies at the University of Johannesburg, and have any questions, please send them to [csdainfo@uj.ac.za](mailto:csdainfo@uj.ac.za)

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