

# VUSISIZWE SCHOLARSHIP

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College of Applied Psychology



## SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSE

The Vusisizwe Scholarship is awarded annually to one candidate to study towards the Master of Social Science in Community Mental Health Promotion programme at SACAP. This MSocSci programme is offered part-time on SACAP's Online Campus for a maximum duration of two years. The scholarship award covers application, registration, and tuition fees only.

The Vusisizwe Scholarship is also awarded to students who demonstrate passion and commitment in promoting community mental health to advance social development and community well-being. It will be expected of the recipient to become a member of SACAP Alumni who will act as an ambassador for the Master of Social Science in Community Mental Health Promotion programme and SACAP College broadly.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Open to both South African citizens, as well as students from other African countries.
- Candidates must meet the Minimum Entrance Requirements for the Master of Social Science in Community Mental Health Promotion programme.
- Candidates who have demonstrated a strong level of academic and research-related excellence at undergraduate level.

## AWARD CRITERIA

### Academic excellence

- Candidates must have achieved an overall average of 75% or higher in their prerequisite degree.
- Candidates must have achieved an average of 70% or higher for their research mini-dissertation.
- Candidates must be committed to complete the post-graduate degree within the specified timeframe of 2 years.

### Extracurricular involvement

- Candidates must have a demonstrated history of relevant work or volunteer experience in community settings.
- Candidates must have demonstrated a high level of commitment and passion in pursuing a career plan related to community mental health promotion or community development related field.
- Candidates must be willing serve as SACAP Alumni and Ambassador.

### Restrictions

- This scholarship does not cover costs related to textbooks, stationary and living expenses.
- The scholarship is re-awarded annually, contingent upon excellent academic performance.
- Candidates who fail or defer any module(s) or their studies will be held liable to pay the costs .
- The scholarship or any monetary value thereof is not transferable nor refundable.

## Selection Process

- Applicants will undergo an initial screening process to shortlist candidates who meet the criteria for selection into the MSocSci Programme;
- Once candidates have been interviewed, candidates who meet the scholarship award criteria will be identified and shortlisted.
- From the shortlisted candidates, The MSocSci selection interview committee deliberates and selects the top five candidates who meet the scholarship award criteria.
- The Top 5 short-listed candidates will be invited to a final round of scholarship award interviews.
- The outcomes of the scholarship interviews will be announced to all candidates in writing.
- The best candidate selected to receive the Vusisizwe Scholarship award will be notified in writing and they will be expected to accept the award in writing and sign the contract.