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Call for Expression of Interest:

THE COMPETITION COMMISSION MASTERS DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAMME

The Competition Commission has a research grant programme for Masters students in economics interested in doing their dissertation in topics related to competition economics. The Commission may consider other topics (such as International Trade, Industrial Organisation, Microeconomics) provided it includes some substantial (direct or indirect) competition issues. Application should be made to the Competition Commission and selection will be based on criteria as set out below.

Application closing date:

Note that this call reoccurs yearly, and has two deadlines for applications in the year: 30th April and 31st October each year.

Research Grant details:

1. A maximum of four research grants are awarded each year.
2. The award will be R20 000 per scholar. It will be paid in two tranches:
 - half upon acceptance of the dissertation proposal by the university (or on the selection by the Competition Commission if the proposal has already been accepted);
 - half upon completion of the dissertation, based on written confirmation of the dissertation's submission received from the student's supervisor.
3. Eligibility
 - SADC citizens studying in South African universities
 - The research grant applies to dissertations comprising 25% or more of the Masters degree in economics

Criteria for the evaluation of applications by the Competition Commission

- ✓ Applicants are well advanced in the course work component of the Masters degree, where applicable.
- ✓ Dissertation proposal of high quality and in an appropriate topic in the field of competition economics (the Commission will be happy to engage with potential applicants on possible topics).

- ✓ The dissertation proposal must fulfil the requirements of the student's own university and grants will be awarded subject to this. In the proposal, the candidate must demonstrate a fair mastery of the background issues surrounding his/her topic. It must clearly indicate the core research question(s), hypotheses, objective(s) and a feasible methodology to achieve such objectives. In addition, the candidate must establish how the topic relates directly or indirectly to competition issues.
- ✓ Record of good academic performance.
- ✓ Recommendation from the proposed supervisor of the dissertation.

How to apply for the research grant programme

*Before applying, applicants should ensure they are fully familiar with the **details** of the Programme and the **criteria**. Please apply in the light of these.*

The applicant must submit the following:

1. Curriculum vitae
2. A dissertation proposal
3. A recommendation from the proposed supervisor of the dissertation
4. Grades for courses completed to date

Note: successful applicants will be required to sign a contract with the Competition Commission governing the terms and conditions of the award. These terms and conditions include among other thing, a clause, obliging the candidate to present his/her research findings with the Commission upon completion of the dissertation. Only successful candidates will be contacted.

Send your applications and any inquiries to:

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