

THE COMPETITION COMMISSION MASTERS DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAMME

The Competition Commission has introduced a research grant programme for Masters students in economics interested in doing their dissertation in topics in the field of competition economics.

Application should be made to the Competition Commission and selection will be based on criteria as set out below.

Application closing date:

There will be two deadlines for applications in the next 12 months:

30 April 2010 and 31 October, 2010;

Research grant details:

1. The Research grant programme will award a maximum of five research grants each year.
2. The award will be R20 000 per scholar. It will be paid in two tranches:
 - half on acceptance of the dissertation proposal by the university (or on the selection by the Competition Commission if the proposal has already been accepted);
 - half on completion of the dissertation, based on written confirmation of the dissertation's submission received from the student's supervisor.
3. Eligibility
 - SADC citizen
 - 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.
- ✓ 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 by email 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.

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