

Dear colleagues,
in the context of the Wits-TUB-UNILAG Urban Lab project there's PhD scholarships available for studies at the School of Architecture and Planning, University of the Witwatersrand (Johannesburg).

The Wits-TUB-UNILAG Urban Lab programme supported by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) seeks to improve graduate education in urban fields across sub-Saharan Africa. The lead partners, the Habitat Unit at Technische Universität Berlin and the School of Architecture and Planning at Wits University in Johannesburg and the University of Lagos, collaborate in the offering of an urban-oriented graduate training and capacity building programmes. The project further addresses the development of practice-relevant knowledge pools that focus on questions of solidarity, justice and resilience in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in the context of urbanization processes. This is done in light of specific challenges cities in sub-Saharan Africa are facing and a critical reflection of current paradigms of sustainable urban development and development cooperation.

The programme is interdisciplinary, but it places a special emphasis on a portfolio that is inter- and transdisciplinary, cutting across the fields of development planning, housing, sustainable urban development, urban management, and urban design. Candidates in architecture and urban planning as well as in the humanities, cultural studies, urban geography, or social sciences with a focus on urban studies and planning as well as candidates in related fields such as landscape architecture are also welcome to apply. Applicants must hold a master's degree that is equivalent to a master's degree (NQF level 9) in the South African Qualification System (SAQA).

Only South African citizens and citizens of other African countries can apply.

The deadline for applications is **August 31** 2021. Applicants whose masters degree was obtained at a university outside South Africa must have their qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). Unless such an applicant is already in possession of a SAQA evaluation, he/she is required to submit a full application for this bursary **May 31** for a pre-screening, which will ascertain whether the applicant should proceed with an application to SAQA.

Please find more information on the scholarship opportunities, the requirements and the project's research agenda on the website of the School of Architecture and Planning: <https://www.wits.ac.za/archplan/bursaries-and-awards/>

Kind regards, Lucas