

Critical Food Studies: Transdisciplinary Humanities Approaches Honours and Masters Scholarship Opportunities

The Critical Food Studies: Transdisciplinary Humanities Approaches programme is a supra-institutional collaborative programme involving the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN), University of the Western Cape (UWC) and University of Pretoria (UP). The Programme aims to strengthen transdisciplinary humanities research capacity and foster research community-building by providing academic and financial support for postgraduate studies. The research team at UKZN, representing a variety of disciplines in the various colleges, seeks to recruit postgraduate students from any discipline who are interested in pursuing **transdisciplinary** studies at Honours and Masters levels. Students must be interested in pursuing research studies focusing on food as an analytical lens through which society, culture, the economy and the polity is scrutinised and theorised in such areas as:

- how food is culturally experienced viscerally, through taste, appetites and desires;
- the representation, branding and marketing of food in an increasingly food-focused commodity culture;
- the contextual meanings of gustatory “taste”; symbolic or imaginative representations of “good food”, “cooking” and cuisine in subject-formation;
- food consumption in struggles for agency, social prestige or cultural or social autonomy; and
- the materiality of food and its visual representation in artwork, performance and popular culture.

Students will be mentored into academic and critical knowledge-sharing cultures through co-supervision and dedicated cohort supervision.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must be South African citizens or permanent residents, however, a certain percentage will be reserved for non-South Africans, guided by the recently published Ministerial guidelines as follows: 87% South African (including permanent resident), 5% SADC, 4% rest of African continent and 4% from non-African countries.

2020 Honours (R45 000 x 6 students)	2020 Masters (R100 000 x 3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a Bachelors degree • Must meet all eligibility criteria and institutional requirements for honours study • Have an interest in interdisciplinary research on food informed by a humanities lens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an Honours degree • Must meet all eligibility criteria and institutional requirements for Masters study • Have an interest in interdisciplinary research on food informed by a humanities lens

Application Procedure

Applicants for Honours and Masters degree must submit the following: a) a letter/essay outlining their interest in the area of research and future plans for advancing research in the field; b) certificates and transcripts of previous qualifications. The application must be email to **Nokuthula Magudulela**: MagudulelaM@ukzn.ac.za. Closing Date: **December 15, 2019**.