## REGIONAL & LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (RLEDI): YOUNG RESEARCHERS PROGRAMME 2026 – APPLICATION FORM

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Read carefully before completing, signing or submitting this form
2. Ensure that this form is completed in full
3. Complete in BLOCK LETTERS
4. Note that this programme cannot pay for existing loans or debts
5. Ensure that this form is duly signed
6. Application forms with incomplete and incorrect information will be disqualified.

### SECTION A: PERSONAL INFORMATION

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| **Field** | **Applicant Response** | |
| **Full Name** |  | |
| **ID Number** |  | |
| **Date of Birth** |  | |
| **Gender** |  | |
| **Nationality** |  | |
| **Any Disability (Yes/No)**  **(If Yes, please state the nature of disability)** |  | |
| **Home Province** |  | |
| **Municipality/District** |  | |
| **Physical Address** |  | |
| **Postal Address (if different)** |  | |
| **Contact Number (Cell/Telephone)** |  | |
| **Email Address** |  | |
| **Are you currently employed? (Yes/No)**  **If employed, Employer’s Details and Address, Occupation, Full-time/part-time, the employer’s contact number and email.** | Yes | No |
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### SECTION B: ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Please fill in your completed degrees including current studies if applicable:

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| **Degree Completed** | **Institution** | **Year Completed** | **Final Result** |
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| **Are you eligible and planning to register full-time for a Master’s degree at UKZN in 2026? (Yes/No)** | |  | |
| **Proposed Master’s Programme** | |  | |
| **Have you previously registered for a Master’s programme at any institution of higher learning? (Yes/No) If yes please specify** | |  | |
| **Are you receiving any other bursary or loan?**  **If yes, describe the nature of the financial assistance.** | |  | |
| **Have you previously done any research (academic or professional)? If yes, briefly describe (100 words)** | | | |
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### SECTION C: RESEARCH INTERESTS

**"Based on the advert, please write a concept note that includes the title of your research, the aims and objectives, and an abstract (800 words)**

### SECTION D: WORKING TOOLS & COMMITMENT

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| **Do you have access to a working laptop or desktop computer? (Yes/No)** | **Yes** | **No** |
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| **Are you able to commit at least 20 hours per week to LED-related research work? (Yes/No)** |  |  |

### SECTION E: DECLARATION

**I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (full name), declare that the information provided in this form is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false information may lead to disqualification.**

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

### SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

**Please ensure the following documents are attached:**

* **Completed Application Form**
* **Detailed Curriculum Vitae**
* **Certified Copy of a valid South African ID**
* **Certified Copies of Academic Certificates and Transcripts/Records**

**Submit completed application and supporting documents by email to:**

📧 [Mkhizes14@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:Mkhizes14@ukzn.ac.za)

📅 **Deadline: 12 September 2025**

**Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.**