



Geosynthetics Interest Group of South Africa

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THE GIGSA BURSARY

1. INTRODUCTION

The GIGSA Bursary aims to support the growth of the appropriate knowledge of geosynthetics in South Africa.

2. TARGET GROUP

The GIGSA Bursary is open to Masters or PhD students studying at a South African University, who are conducting research in line with the Mission of GIGSA, which includes promoting the appropriate use of geosynthetics, advancing geosynthetics knowledge and developing new geosynthetic technologies.

3. FUNDS

GIGSA Bursary supports applicants financially in South African Rand (ZAR). Funds may be allocated to an applicant on a year to year basis, for a maximum period of three (3) years consecutively. The available bursary funds will be announced annually in February.

Funds may be used for tuition fees, travel, conferences, labour, consumables and specialist equipment relevant to the research topic.

Approval of applications and allocation of funds will be at the sole discretion of the GIGSA Committee. Funding may not meet the applicant's full funding requirements.

Funds will be allocated quarterly in advance based on a quarterly forecast and detailed reconciliation including proof of expenditure. GIGSA reserves the right to terminate funding subject to progress compared to the project schedule and milestones.

Funds will preferably be transferred to a University account or will be paid against invoices signed by the University Supervisor.

4. APPLICATIONS

Applications should be submitted not later than the 30th of June each year for the following calendar year. Applicants will be informed on the outcome of their applications by not later than 30th September of each year.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Applications should comprise the following documentation:

1. Letter of application;
2. Topic of the research;
3. Scope of the research;
4. Letter of motivation by the proposed University Supervisor;
5. Overall budget forecast;
6. Proof of registration;
7. Project schedule and clear milestones;
8. Copy of ID or Passport;
9. Proof of residence

6. RECIPIENT COMMITMENTS

In order to communicate the findings of the research conducted, the recipient is obligated to publish these in an accepted journal and/or to present at a relevant conference or GIGSA event. In addition a short summary shall be published in the GIGSA newsletter and website.

The research project may not be specifically developed with the aim of providing commercial advantages to a specific product or company.