



DG2026/27 FUNDING WINDOW – MASTERS / PHD BURSARIES

PART 1: MASTERS / PHD

The Wholesale and Retail SETA (W&RSETA) invites funding applications for Masters/PhD students to be funded from the Discretionary Grant 2026/27 Bursary Funding Window.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Applications will be considered from the following stakeholders:

- W&RSETA employers
- Individuals employed in the Wholesale and Retail Sector
- Institutions with accepted Masters and PhD students who are employed in the Wholesale and Retail Sector
- Wholesale and Retail Leadership Chairs

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Students must be registered or accepted for studies in the 2026 academic year for the Masters or PhD qualification with a CHE registered institution. Proof of registration or acceptance must be included as part of the application.
- The Masters or PHD qualification must be accredited with SAQA.
- The Masters or PHD qualification and proposed research topics must be aligned to the Wholesale and Retail Sector and/related fields of study.

APPLICATION METHOD:

Applications must be submitted to fmulangaphuma@wrseta.org.za on or before **05 May 2026** with the following documentation:

- Application form that includes the applicant's proposed or approved research topic as part of their studies. Preference will be given to applicants whose research will advance innovation or address key issues or needs within the Wholesale & Retail Sector.
- Cost breakdown of funding required aligned to the quotation from the institution.
- Proof of registration/acceptance for the 2026 academic year with the institution.
- Proof of employment (letter from employer).

For further enquiries, please contact Fulufhelo Mulangaphuma at 0126229500 or fmulangaphuma@wrseta.org.za



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PART 2: ILDP- MASTERS PROGRAMME 2026/27

The Wholesale and Retail SETA (W&RSETA) invites funding applications for Masters students to be funded from the Discretionary Grant 2026/27 Bursary Funding Window. This opportunity is eligible to delegates who have completed the W&RSETA ILDP programme between 2022/23 and 2025/26 FY.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

Applications will be considered from the following stakeholders:

- W&RSETA employers
- Individuals employed in the Wholesale and Retail Sector
- Institutions with accepted Masters students who are employed in the Wholesale and Retail Sector
- Wholesale and Retail Leadership Chairs

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Students must be registered or accepted for studies in the 2026 academic year for the Masters qualification with a CHE-registered institution. Proof of registration or acceptance must be included as part of the application.
- The Masters qualification must be accredited with SAQA.
- The Masters qualification and proposed research topics must be aligned to the Wholesale and Retail Sector and/related fields of study.

APPLICATION METHOD:

Applications must be submitted to specialprojects@wrseta.org.za on or before **05 May 2026** with the following documentation:

- Application form that includes the applicant's proposed or approved research topic as part of their studies. Preference will be given to applicants whose research will advance innovation or address key issues or needs within the Wholesale & Retail Sector.
- Cost breakdown of funding required aligned to the quotation from the institution.
- Proof of registration/acceptance for the 2026 academic year with the institution.
- Proof of employment (letter from employer).
- Proof of ILDP completion

Applications from institutions that implemented the W&RSETA ILDP will be given preference.

For further enquiries, please contact **Marcus Mokgohloa** at **012 622 9645** or MMokgohloa@wrseta.org.za