



DG25/26 FUNDING WINDOW – MASTERS / PHD BURSARIES

The Wholesale and Retail SETA (W&RSETA) invites funding applications for Masters/PhD students in need of financial assistance to be funded from the Discretionary Grant 2025/26 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 2025 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 mmahlangu@wrseta.org.za on or before **31 March 2025** 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 2025 academic year with the institution.
- Proof of employment (letter from employer).

For further enquiries, please contact **Maria Mahlangu** at **012 622 9500** or mmahlangu@wrseta.org.za