



## Terms and conditions of The Mandela Rhodes Scholarship

### 1. General Terms & Conditions of the Scholarships Programme

A Mandela Rhodes Scholarship enables a Scholar to study at a South African-located tertiary institution registered with the South African Council of Higher Education (and approved by the MRF) for an accredited postgraduate degree programme. The Scholarship is currently awarded for either a one year Honours or an up to two years Master's degree, or their academic equivalents.

Mandela Rhodes Scholars shall:

- Adhere to the principles and goals of the Scholarships Programme.
- Attend Leadership Development Workshops and Pods as offered by the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships Programme, on dates to be advised. **Attendance is a condition of accepting the Scholarship**, unless there are exceptional circumstances agreed to by the Foundation. Additionally, Scholars completing a 2 year Master's Programme are required to fully participate in the Second Year Programme activities during their second year in Residence.
- Be offered access to a Mentoring Programme (optional for the Scholar).
- According to the current policy of the MRF, be younger than 30 years of age at the time of taking up the Scholarship; be in possession of a first degree; and be a citizen of an African country.

### 2. Conditions of tenure

- The continued holding of the Scholarship is dependent on the Scholar upholding the values, principles and standards of the MRF, as well as the maintenance of evidence-based, high standards of work and conduct determined by the Trustees and/or the Foundation.
- Where Scholars are in breach of such standards, values and principles for any reason, the Foundation may cease payments to and participation in the Programme by the Scholar.
- Other Scholarships may not be held in conjunction with a Mandela Rhodes Scholarship. If offered any additional funding please communicate directly with Ernst ([Ernst@mrf.org.za](mailto:Ernst@mrf.org.za))
- This Scholarship is for full time study only and may not be held simultaneously with paying work that exceeds a maximum of 12 hours per week. In such cases the Foundation must be kept fully informed on the nature and terms of the additional work, and give its consent.

### 3. Financial scope of the Scholarship

The Scholarship covers the cost of a Scholar as follows:

- Tuition and registration fees as set by the institution
- A study materials allowance as set by the MRF
- Accommodation and meal allowances as set by the MRF
- A Medical Aid allowance as set by the MRF

- Economy-class travel allowance for international Scholars only from the Scholar's home to their institution at the beginning and end of their degree
- Personal allowance

*Scholars must note the following:*

Allowances are paid twice a year, conditional on providing proof of registration or acceptance, and receipt of the progress report from the institution no later than two weeks after the start of the second semester.

Tuition and registration fees are paid directly to the institution, while other allowances are administered according to MRF policies for that year.

Any amount due to or owed by a student prior to their becoming a Mandela Rhodes Scholar, shall be the sole responsibility of the student, and the MRF will not become involved in any way.

#### **4. Rebates**

The MRF pays fees as set out above in clause B3, as invoiced to the Scholar by their institution. As a clear principle, where a Scholar receives a rebate, the MRF will not refund the Scholar the amount of the rebate.

#### **5. Institutional transfers**

A Scholar may not change their institution of study from that indicated on their application unless in exceptional circumstances, and explicitly approved by the MRF.

#### **6. Interaction with donors**

Specific donors underwrite some Mandela Rhodes Scholarships. Some donors wish to interact with Scholars and are invited to do so on the understanding that the Scholar may determine the level of interactions. Reasonable requests received in good time should be acceded to where possible, and should they be declined it is the responsibility of the Scholar to supply reasons on time. On taking up a Scholarship, Scholars will be informed of relevant details regarding the particular funder, if applicable.

#### **7. Failure to comply with degree requirements**

Should a Scholar fail to comply with the requirements for continued study in the course for which they are registered, financial support from the MRF will cease.

#### **8. Requirements to supply personal updates**

In accepting a Mandela Rhodes Scholarship, Scholars undertake to reply timeously and comprehensively each year, during their period in Residence and thereafter, to a written request conveyed electronically to them by the MRF for an update of personal details. These details are required for the maintenance of an up-to-date database, and for use in the MRF's Yearbook, website and other digital platforms.

#### **9. Limitation of liability**

The MRF takes no responsibility for bodily injury, sickness, accident or death of Mandela Rhodes Scholars. It is up to Mandela Rhodes Scholars to provide for their own insurance needs.