



SARETI Masters Degree MSocSc (Health Research Ethics) Scholarships Call for Applications: 2025



A Masters Degree in Health Research Ethics primarily for lawyers and social scientists.

The South African Research Ethics Training Initiative (SARETI), based at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, is an African programme in health research ethics that offers a mix of online and face-to-face modular and applied training as part of a structured **Social Science Masters** specialised in health research ethics.

Trainees are **capacitated** with the expertise to ensure that health research in Africa prioritises the welfare of research participants, individuals and communities as its **primary focus**. A key focus of this training programme is to build research ethics expertise. SARETI has been awarded competitive funding from the **Fogarty International Center (FIC)** of the US National Institutes of Health (NIH), to offer Masters-level training in research ethics, beginning 2025. This **two-year programme** is aimed at lawyers, social scientists and other professionals in the early stages of their career whose work relates to **health-related research and/or research ethics**. The programme will offer comprehensive advanced multi-disciplinary **Masters level training in research ethics** to a cohort of **candidates from across Africa**.

SCHOLARSHIPS

SARETI scholarships provide **full financial support** for **Masters degree students in 2025/26**. This includes:



- travel



- course fees



- living expenses whilst in South Africa attending on-site modalities



- research expenses

ELIGIBILITY



Ability to undertake travel to South Africa for 6 months of contact study in year 1 (2025) and 1–2 weeks in year 2 (2026)



Have an eligible prior degree, preferably in law or social science, with **SAQA NQF 8 or higher accreditation**



Involvement in health research ethics, health-related research or law and/or are willing to volunteer on a Research Ethics Committee in their country of origin



Resident in Africa

*Applications for self-funded or externally-sponsored candidates are also welcome.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must **complete the application form** with specified attachments available at <http://sareti.ukzn.ac.za>. A competitive selection process will follow to select a cohort of sponsored candidates who will commence their studies in January 2025.

Queries and expressions of interest may be directed to the SARETI Programme Coordinator, Ms Mandy Harwood, at harwooda@ukzn.ac.za.

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Complete applications must be received by 20 May 2024 no later than 8H00 CAT, and incomplete applications will be rejected.