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**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**



*Public Economics Capacity Building Initiative*

## **BURSARY FOR MASTER'S DEGREE IN ECONOMICS IN 2017**

### **INVITATION TO APPLY**

The [Government Technical Advisory Centre](#) (GTAC), in partnership with the [National Treasury](#), is offering bursaries to students who are considering a Master's degree in Economics in 2017. Successful candidates will receive a bursary of R150 000 per year for two years to complete this degree. Selected candidates will also be offered a two-year internship at the National Treasury.

#### **What are the objectives of the bursary and internship programme?**

The main aim of the programme is to support students with a strong interest in a career in public economics. The programme will encourage young economists to deepen their knowledge of public economics and give selected students valuable exposure to a National Treasury career via the internship programme. After completing the Master's degree, selected candidates will be offered a chance to work at the Treasury for two years as an intern.

#### **Dates:**

The closing date for applications is Friday, 19 August 2016. A rigorous selection process with shortlisted candidates will take place in September 2016. The successful students will be notified in October 2016. The bursary for this cohort will be awarded to students starting their Master's programme in 2017.

#### **Focusing on Public Economics in the Master's degree**

Successful applicants will be required to include public economics, public finance or relevant modules in their degree, or select a public economics topic for their thesis or dissertation.

#### **Criteria:**

Candidates should meet the following criteria:

- Be a South African citizen
- Hold an Honours degree in Economics (by March 2017)
- Have achieved at least a 65% mark in the Honours degree
- Be fluent in English
- Be interested in pursuing a career in the public service.

#### **How to apply:**

Candidates should submit a copy of their ID, an up to date curriculum vitae, full academic record and proof of academic qualifications (i.e. certified copies of university degrees), along with a two reference letters (one academic and one personal) no later than 19 August 2016 to [PEGraduateprogram@gtac.gov.za](mailto:PEGraduateprogram@gtac.gov.za).