The School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, in cooperation with the Church of Sweden is offering a unique opportunity for interested students to complete a Masters in Religion or Theology with a focus on gender and health. Masters students can register in any of the existing theological disciplines offer by the school (Biblical Studies, Practical Theology, Theology and Development, or Religion and Gender). Students will complete a Masters in their chosen discipline by pursuing research within the intersection of gender, health and theology. Themes include (but are not restricted to) physical and mental health, HIV and AIDS, sexuality and sexual orientation, reproductive health, gender-based violence and sustainable livelihoods. Ten selected students will be eligible for scholarships in this special focus Master’s program for the academic year, 2018.

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

This is a full-time Masters offered in two formats, either Coursework with Mini-Thesis or by MA/ MTh by dissertation only. The MTh/MA degree is open to students who hold an Honours degree in Theology or Religious Studies in Gender and Religion, or a related field with a demonstrated specific focus on Gender (such as Gender Studies; Ethics or Development) with an average pass at 70%. Beside a high level of academic competence, students must demonstrate a personal commitment to issues located in the intersection of gender, health, and theology/religion.

The program will require students to attend a core module (gender, health and theology). Attendance of the Core Module in semester one and research workshops through the year are compulsory for all students in the program, and as full time students you are ordinarily expected to participate in life and work of the school. Students will be required to be in a position to have regular access to research resources and contact sessions with lecturers and promoters. All course requirements must be completed in one year in order to graduate in April 2019.

Ten scholarships of R70 000 per student are available, divided across the various disciplinary groups in the school. The bursary will be paid out to successful candidates after registration and in reasonable instalments, subject to satisfactory progress made by the student in the course of the program. The program consists of a series of strict deadlines and implies dedicated commitment due to the fast pace.
For application forms click here.

All forms must be completed in full. As part of the application process, students will be required to write a motivation of not less than 1 000 words displaying their knowledge and interest on issues of religion and sexual and reproductive health rights.

Closing date for applications: Friday 20th October 2017.

All applicants will be notified as to their acceptance into the program later than 10th November 2017.

NB. International applicants or any applicant whose previous degrees were obtained at a foreign university or from universities outside South Africa must have their qualifications evaluated by South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) prior to submitting an application to the University.