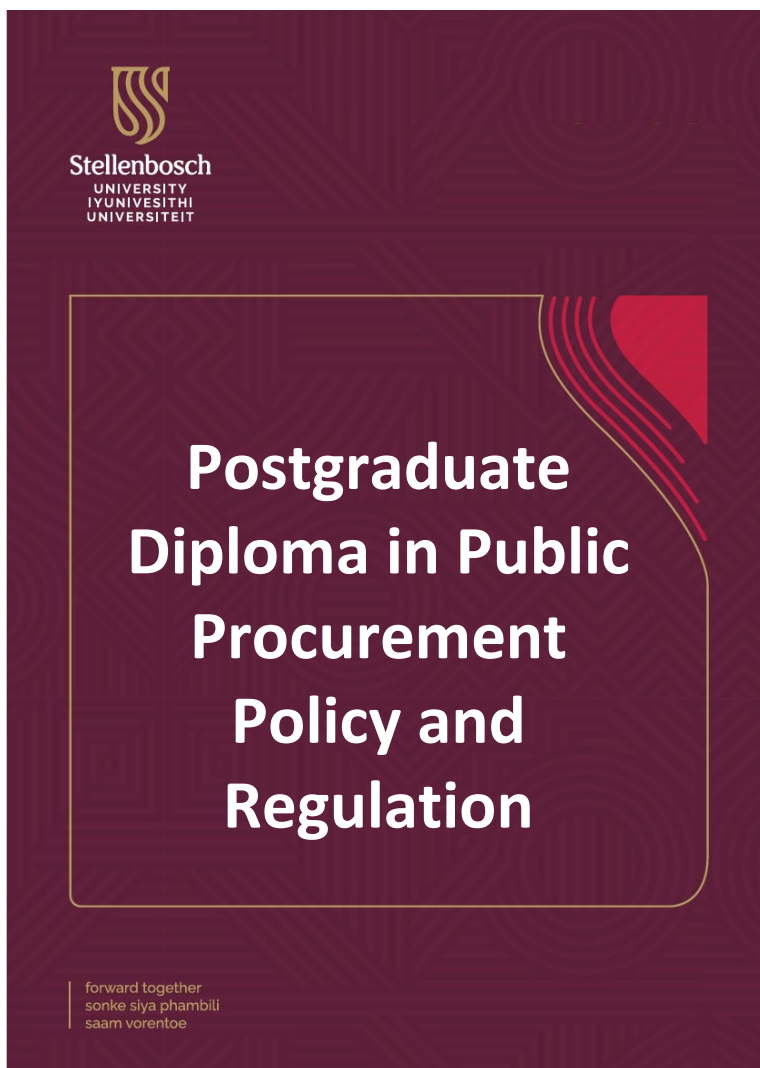




PGDip (Public Procurement Policy and Regulation) Next intake: 2026

This specialised PGDip programme is aimed at equipping students with the necessary expert knowledge and professional skills in public procurement law to excel in the workforce. The structure of the programme allows students to complete postgraduate studies with a focus on professional procurement law practice and gain additional professional skills specific to procurement legal practice.

The programme is aimed at any person with a relevant undergraduate degree (NQF level 7), other than law, with the specific purpose of establishing/deepening the student's knowledge of Public Procurement Law and enabling working professionals to support their own enterprise and/or strengthen their existing skillset, to expose non-legal students to the methodology of legal practice (specifically in public procurement regulation), legal research and the application of the law in the context of public procurement. The PGDip (Public Procurement Policy and Regulation) will instruct students on the various areas of practice in public procurement law and focus on the issues of legal application in South Africa and abroad, by studying various instruments for the regulation of public procurement.

Admission

To be admitted students must have:

- An undergraduate degree in any field with a minimum average achievement of 60% in the final year of the undergraduate degree or of any postgraduate degree completed;
- Experience in public procurement or supply chain management

Only a limited number of students will be admitted into the programme for each academic year. During the selection process, the following criteria will be taken into account in selecting candidates:

- experience in the field of public procurement law;
- performance in undergraduate studies; and/or
- based in an African country.

Application to be admitted to the programme must be done via the University's postgraduate application portal on the University's website at [this link](#). Details on the application procedure can also be found at the link. The deadline for admission to start the programme in February 2026 is **30 September**.

English proficiency

International students applying for admission to the programme, must submit proof of their current level of proficiency in English (TOEFL or IELTS scores). This requirement does not apply if English is the applicant's home language or if their prior degree was completed in English.

Programme structure

The programme is delivered largely on a non-residential basis, with students only attending contact sessions during specific block periods each semester at the Stellenbosch campus. These block sessions will typically be two full days per module. During the remainder of the semester, learning will be facilitated online.

The programme consists of four modules – two compulsory modules and two elective modules. Students may complete the programme over one or two years of study and may register for either one or two modules per semester. Full-time students are encouraged to complete the programme in one year, while part-time students are advised to complete the programme over two years, taking one module per semester.

Note that not all elective modules will be offered every semester. Students may register for an elective module at the same time or after having completed at least one of the compulsory modules.

The programme consists of the following modules:

Compulsory modules:

MODULE	DESCRIPTION
International Legal Regimes on Public Procurement	An introduction to the major international instruments on public procurement, namely the UNCITRAL Model Law, the WTO Government Procurement Agreement and the World Bank Procurement Regulations. The module aims at providing an understanding of how international regimes on procurement operate.
Public Procurement Regulation and Policy in South Africa	An introduction to the law and policy of public procurement in South Africa. The module examines the constitutional provisions on procurement, the policy framework and the major legislation that govern procurement at the different levels of government. It also examines how corruption affects the procurement process in South Africa.

Elective modules:

MODULE	DESCRIPTION
Corruption and Public Procurement	An introduction to the nature, effects and typologies of corruption in public procurement. The module will examine both public and private sector corruption as they affect the government contract process and the measures that procurement regulation utilizes to counter procurement corruption and the efficacy of these measures.
Defence Procurement Regulation and Policy	The module looks at defence procurement regulation and policy. The module looks at the relationship between the defence industry, national security and defence procurement. It looks at the approach to defence procurement in South Africa and the peculiarities and challenges of defence purchasing.
Infrastructure Procurement Regulation and Policy in South Africa	An introduction to the law and policy of infrastructure procurement in South Africa. The module examines the legal regulation of infrastructure procurement, the policy framework and the infrastructure procurement process. It also provides an overview of public-private partnerships within infrastructure procurement and the remedies available in case of breach of infrastructure procurement rules in South Africa.
Policy and Public Procurement Law	A study of the role of public procurement in implementing various public policies and the implications for public procurement law. Typical policies pursued via public procurement and investigated in the module include social policies such as promoting equality and wealth distribution, environmental policies and economic policies such as industrial development and support of local goods and suppliers. The various legal mechanisms available to implement policies through procurement are investigated.
Procurement Law Compliance	This module focuses on the various mechanisms that can be incorporated in a public procurement law regime aimed at ensuring compliance with the rules of that system. It investigates both administrative and judicial mechanisms of compliance and assesses the advantages and disadvantages of the various options.

Fees

An indication of the estimated fees for 2026 can be found on the University's website at [this link](#).

Programme directors

The programme is directed by Prof Geo Quinot and Prof Sope Williams.

PROF GEO QUINOT	PROF SOPE WILLIAMS
 Prof Geo Quinot is a professor the Department of Public Law where he teaches administrative law and public procurement law, both in the university's Law Faculty and its School of Public Leadership. Prof Quinot is also the founding director of the African Procurement Law Unit. Prof Quinot has two decades' experience in training lawyers and public administrators in administrative law and public procurement law. He has published widely in the areas of administrative law and public procurement law, including the books <i>Administrative Law Cases and Materials</i> (Juta, 2008), <i>State Commercial Activity: A Legal Framework</i> (Juta, 2009), <i>Public Procurement Regulation in Africa</i> (Cambridge University Press, 2013), <i>Administrative Justice in South Africa: An Introduction</i> (Oxford University Press, 2nd ed, 2021), <i>Public Procurement Regulation for 21st Century Africa</i> (Juta, 2018) and <i>Public Procurement Regulation in Africa: Development in Uncertain Times</i> (Lexis, 2020). He holds the degrees BA (Law), LLB, LLM, MA (Higher Education Studies), MPA, and LLD.	 Prof Sope Williams is a professor and the head of the Department of Mercantile Law and the deputy director of the African Procurement Law Unit. She specializes in public procurement, anti-corruption and sustainable development law. She has 20 years' experience in academia, training and consulting. She is the author of the books: <i>Fighting Corruption in Public Procurement</i> (Hart, 2012) and <i>Public Procurement and Multilateral Development Banks: Law, Practice and Problems</i> (Bloomsbury/Hart 2017) and co-editor of <i>Public Procurement Regulation for 21st Century Africa</i> (Juta, 2018) and <i>Public Procurement Regulation in Africa: Development in Uncertain Times</i> (Lexis, 2020). Sope has an LLB from the University of Lagos, an LLM (with distinction) from the London School of Economics and a PhD in public procurement and anti-corruption from the University of Nottingham. She has taught at the universities of Stirling, Nottingham and Lagos. She is also a NRF B2 rated scholar and a UNODC recognised "anti-corruption champion" for 2019.

Further information

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