

PhD (Cardiology) bursary

The Division of Cardiology/SUNHEART is offering a three (3) year bursary for a suitable candidate to complete a PhD in the Division of Cardiology, Department of Medicine, Stellenbosch University and Tygerberg Hospital. The bursary will be available from 01 October 2026. The value of the bursary is R1 150 000-00 per annum.

This research post is aimed at:

Cardiologists wanting to complete a PhD in cardiovascular sciences

The Division of Cardiology, Stellenbosch University has research interests in acute coronary syndromes, valvular and pericardial disease as well as the innovative use of cardiovascular imaging in a variety of cardiovascular conditions including congenital heart disease and cardiomyopathy. Interested candidates will be expected to develop a suitable research proposal for presentation at the time of interviewing for the post.

Requirements

1. MBChB (or equivalent) obtained in a recognised training institution
2. Qualification as a Specialist Physician FCP(SA) or equivalent
3. Qualification as a Cardiologist Cert Cardio Phys (SA) and the completion of a MPhil (Cardiology)*

** Candidates currently sitting for the final examination are encouraged to apply, they may be awarded the bursary on condition that the requirements must be met by the time of commencement of the bursary*

Recommendations

1. Experience in cardiology or cardiovascular imaging
2. Prior research experience

Duties

1. Successful completion of the PhD - please see yearbook for requirements
2. Targeted clinical duties will be integrated into the post for career development
3. Participation in the division's training program is expected
4. Conducting research into cardiac disease prevalent in South Africa

Please send your CV with a motivation letter and proposed topic to:

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Closing date: 28/02/2026