ADMISSION

The general procedures that apply to admission and registration for postgraduate research studies are contained in the NMMU Prospectus and Admissions Policy.

Students should please read the following procedures in detail before registering.

Note 1:
Please note that proficiency in English is required for entry to all qualifications.

1.1.1 Pre-registration

Before making an application for the admission to a postgraduate degree, either Masters or Doctoral:

- Students must get as much background information as possible and obtain clarity regarding the intended field of study for the research. It is wise to read widely before any information is recorded. Information gained from literature in delimiting the field of study.

- The field of study should be closely associated with the field of interest, but must also be a field of study in which the student qualify for further study. The student is required to formulate his/her problem/question statement and motivate reasons for the type of research to be conducted.

- The student is encouraged to consult with academics and experts in the field of study in your chosen discipline prior to lodging an application to get valuable information in this regard. The Head of the Department can provide details of the research activities and information about the expertise and interests of staff who are qualified and willing to accept research higher degree students for supervision. Students should also discuss the resources and facilities available for the research as well as the procedures to be followed in accessing or utilising them.

- The student should be able to demonstrate research ability and the general capacity to complete the requirements of the degree. Information should be provided to ensure the student is suitably equipped to undertake the indented study.

- After a decision about the field of study has been taken the relevant Head of the Department should be contacted to discuss the possibility of registering for a Master’s or Doctoral qualification so that the procedure for the nomination of a promoter/supervisor for the proposed study can be put into action.
Note 2:

An applicant shall not be admitted to candidature unless adequate supervision and resources are available to the proposed field of research.

- The Head of the Department will then assess whether the student qualify for registration and will be referred to the:
  - Postgraduate Admissions Officer (Tel: 041-5042006) who will supply the necessary Admission Application forms for admission; or
  - Office of International Education situated on the South Campus in the main building (Tel: 041-5042029) for international students.

1.1.2 International Students

- All enquiries from International Students in relation to application for research degree candidature will be directed to the Office of International Education (NMMU main building, South Campus). International students seeking admission to the University must apply using the University’s prescribed form available from the Office of International Education.

- Applications from International Students are assessed on the basis of the applicant’s academic qualifications and proficiency in English. Students whose primary language is not English will be required to have an English language evaluation after applying for admission.

- The office of International Education will screen potential International Students, and compile reports which inform the School RTI Committees regarding the suitability of the students and their prior qualifications and work experiences. Clearance with regards to medical, finances and study permits will be obtained from the Office of International Education. This procedure will ensure that international students not meeting the requirements are not exposed to any registration-related interventions by Admissions or individual departments.