

The Ashley Kriel Scholarship for Leadership in Community Development

Call for Applications: Bachelor of Arts Honours in Community Development

Applications deadline: Monday, 07 January 2019

All scholarship applications to be emailed to Merlyn Manuel - merlynm@cornerstone.ac.za

Please note that this is a scholarship application only. A formal online application to study for a postgraduate degree with Cornerstone Institute must be completed separately.

Context of the Scholarship

The Community Chest and the Cornerstone Institute, cofounders of the Ashley Kriel Scholarship for Leadership in Community Development, hereby invites applications from activist and development practitioners to apply for a scholarship to undertake a Bachelor of Arts Honours in Community Development.

South Africa remains one of the most unequal societies in the world. Increased levels of poverty and pervasive and growing unemployment especially among the youth, remain national challenges. Civil society, through the efforts of thousands of community development practitioners, are at the forefront of the fight against poverty. Their efforts must be supported, and their skills must be strengthened to sustain this national drive to mitigate and eradicate the effects of poverty.

The founding partners of this scholarship believe that this work is fundamentally rooted in the identity of the countless South Africans who have made the ultimate sacrifice towards the establishment of a non-racial, non-sexist democratic South Africa. It is against this backdrop that the Ashley Kriel Scholarship for Leadership in Community Development is launched.

Purpose of the scholarship and strategic objectives

To provide access to post graduate students for the completion of an Bachelor of Arts Honours in Community Development¹ at Cornerstone Institute. In doing so, the Ashley Kriel Scholarship in for Leadership in Community Development has the following strategic objectives:

- Build a cadre of engaging and critical leadership within the emerging structures of organised civil society
- Improve the governance and accountability mechanisms within organised civil society
- Strengthen the organisational capacity of organised civil society to coordinate social development programmes within a human rights framework as set out in the South African constitution and Bill of Rights
- Strengthen the organisational capacity of civil society leadership and management structures to respond to the challenges inherent in contemporary resource mobilisation demands
- Build an active, responsive and applied research programme that advances our collective understanding of the sector and facilitate programme innovation, scale and replicability

Student Profile

The programme targets young adults and mature students who are currently working within organised civil society structures, broadly operating within the social justice landscape. It is envisaged that the student has the potential to play a greater leadership and management role within their respective organisations.

Programme description and purpose

The BA Honours (Community Development) (and *leadership*) is designed to provide an opportunity for students to expand their knowledge of theory and practice in the discipline of community development grounded in community-focused research. Students will analyse and apply foundational knowledge of community development theory and practice gaining understanding and skills to facilitate collective actions in the context of communities. The following subject areas are included in the programme:

- Social Theory for Community Development
- Research Methods for Community Development
- Policy and Legislative / Regulatory Framework for Community Development
- Organisational Management in Community Development Practice
- **Electives:**
 - Youth Development
 - Community Development in the Rural-Urban Continuum
 - Sustainable Community Development Local Economic Development

Application and Admission Requirements

Given the context and history organised civil society in South Africa, many community development practitioners did not complete grade 12 but have been working within the community development field for long periods of time. Cornerstone Institute will consider a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process to ensure that we do not exclude practitioners with significant experiential knowledge and who qualifies for such a programme. The formal admissions requirement for the programme is a three year Bachelor of Arts degree (or equivalent) with a major in the social sciences subject and a minimum of 60% average in third year key modules.

Please complete the attached Scholarship Application form and submit this together with the online application form for postgraduate study available on our website. The deadline for applications is **Monday 7 January 2019** and can be submitted to merlynm@cornerstone.ac.za

Scholarship Provision

The scholarship provides for 100% of the tuition fee for the programme (**part-time over 2 years**).

Please note that a R300 application fee is applicable.

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Scholarship Application form

This is the Scholarship application form only. Please also complete the online application for post graduate study available on our website:

<https://application.cornerstone.ac.za/machform/view.php?id=30127>

1. First Names				
2. Surname				
3. Gender	Male		Female	
4. Describe the sector (field of social development) that you have been working in.				
5. Describe your role with respect to this work.				
6. How many years of experience do you have in the social development sector				
7. Provide a brief motivation for your application. (if you require more space, please add an additional page)				
8. Are you currently Employed	Yes		No	

Please also complete the Community Chest scholarship application form and submit it together with this application.

(End of application)