

POST GRADUATE RITA STRONG BURSARY - CENTRE FOR VISUAL ARTS

APPLICATION FORM

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS 31st October 2025 at 16h00

LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS:

The following **MUST** be provided:

1. A completed **Rita Strong Bursary application form**. Include the contact details of two referees.
2. Students who are currently registered must provide **Proof of Registration**.
3. **Certified transcript of your academic results** (scan copy).
4. **Curriculum Vitae** (in pdf format).
5. **Bio/Artist's Statement** (maximum 200 words in pdf format).
6. **Motivation**: your study aims at the CVA (maximum 200 words in pdf format)
7. **Portfolio of academic and/or creative works already produced**. As a guideline this should include:

(a) For studio practice degrees:

- i) A representative selection of your portfolio and a written outline of your intended study in approximately 300 words. Each image must include the title of the work, date of production, media, size (height, width, breadth as applicable), animation/film (recent digital work of 2 to 5 minutes duration with fully attributed production credits).
- ii) 300 words outlining your intended area of research for the theoretical component of your course (in pdf format).

(b) For theory only degrees:

Approximately 500 words defining your area of research, or an extract of no more than 1000 words from a recent article / paper/ critique / written essay with fully captioned illustrations and reference list (in pdf format).

PROCESS OF APPLICATION:

Once your Rita Strong Bursary application been received:

- (a) Successful applicants will be informed by email of the Committee's decision
- (b) The decision of the Rita Strong Committee is final
- (c) No application will be returned to the student by the Committee
- (d) Only applications submitted in the correct format will be considered

4. CONDITIONS OF THE BURSARY:

1. Successful applicants must undertake to contribute actively to the CVA community throughout the duration of the degree or diploma.
2. In the case of Masters and Doctoral students, the bursary funds will be released to the student into their fees account once their proposal has been approved by the School Research and Higher Degrees Committee.
3. Recipients must undertake to repay the Rita Strong Bursary IN FULL if he/she withdraws, de-registers or fails to re-register for a continuing semester from the specific degree/qualification for which this Rita Strong Bursary is granted. Further, in such circumstances, the applicant will be liable for all costs incurred in the recovery of this Rita Strong Award.
4. The Rita Strong Bursary and the Centre for Visual Arts must be acknowledged in any portfolio, exhibition, text, application or presentation that the successful applicant may embark on throughout this degree.
5. All other bursaries or awards (NRF or privately) granted must be declared. Failure to do so may result in any award offered by the Rita Strong Committee being forfeited and the full amount (if already paid) will become repayable.

1.	DETAILS OF POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT CVA			
1.1 Name of Qualification (e.g. Post Graduate Diploma/ BA Hons in Fine Art/ Masters in Fine Art/PhD).				
1.2 Field of Study				
1.3 First registration and semester of study (e.g. 2026, Semester 1)				
2.	YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS			
2.1 Name/s				
2.2 Surname				
2.3 ID Number				
2.4 (UKZN) Student number				
2.5 Do you have any other form of funding?	YES	NO	If YES, state the sponsor and the amount:	
2.6 Contact details	Home Telephone Number		Cell Phone Number	
	E-mail			
2.7 Physical address during semester		2.8 Postal address (If different from physical)		

3	TWO REFEREES
	Name: _____ Email: _____
	Name: _____ Email: _____

4	DECLARATION OF OTHER FUNDING
	Please provide full details of other bursaries and awards that you have received for this qualification you are applying for. Attached notices of awards (if applicable).

5	DECLARATION BY THE APPLICANT
	I _____ ID number: _____ declare that all the above information is factually correct and that I agree to the conditions of accepting this Bursary (as stated in Section D of this form) if I am successful. Signature: _____ Date : _____

CHECKLIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR EMAIL:

5 CHECK LIST FOR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION	Check
1. Rita Strong Bursary application form	
2. Proof of Registration	
3. Certified transcript of your recent academic results (scan copy)	
3. Curriculum Vitae (typed in PDF format)	
4. Bio/Artist's Statement (typed: maximum of 200 words in PDF format)	
5. Motivation: your study aims at the CVA (typed: maximum of 200 words in PDF format)	
6. Portfolio of academic and/or creative works already produced, in either form (a) or (b): a) For studio practice degrees: - A representative selection of your portfolio and a written outline of your intended study in approximately 300 words. Each work must include the title of the work, date of production, media, size (height, width, breadth as applicable), animation/film (recent digital work of 2 to 5 minutes duration with fully attributed production credits). 300 words outlining your intended area of research for the theoretical component of your course (in pdf format). b) For theory only degrees: Approximately 500 words defining your area of research	
Have you declared full details of other bursaries, bursaries and awards that you have received for this qualification you are applying for?	

Email all the above documents to Ms Karen Suter at suterk@ukzn.ac.za by 16h00 on 31st October 2025

N.B. Include in the subject line of your email Rita Strong Bursary Application 2026 and *your name* and *your intended level of study i.e. Masters*

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HAS THE APPLICANT PROVIDED ALL THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION? (SEE LIST)	YES		EMAIL RECEIVED BY DATE
	NO		
IS THE CHOSEN FIELD OF STUDY RELEVANT TO THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS	YES		
	NO		
RECOMMENDED	YES		
	NO		
(If) NOT RECOMMENDED GIVE BRIEF REASON(S)			
HAS THE APPLICANT DECLARED ALL OTHER BURSARIES, BURSARIES AND AWARDS?			YES / NO