



UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND, JOHANNESBURG

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES



GLOBAL LABOUR UNIVERSITY HONOURS AND MASTERS PROGRAMME

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2027

The Global Labour University (GLU) is an exciting and innovative postgraduate programme designed to equip and engage trade unionists more effectively to tackle the challenges of globalization. It offers unionists and labour activists formal postgraduate Honours and Masters (MA) degree qualifications through the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits), Johannesburg, South Africa. It is a fulltime coursework and research study programme located in the School of Social Sciences. Applications for our 2027 programmes are now open and must be completed **ONLINE**.

Entry Requirements

<u>Honours Programme</u>	<u>Masters Programme</u>
• Completed Online application • Certified copy of transcript for Degree/Diploma • Certified copy of Degree/Diploma Certificate/s • At least three years union/labour support organisation (LSO) experience • Official letter of support from the union/LSO • Personal Motivation Letter from applicant • Formal, written commitment to return to union/LSO for at least two years after completing GLU programme • Applicant's Curriculum Vitae (CV) • Sample of written academic work • 60% and above average for previous studies • SAQA evaluation certificate for international qualifications (SAQA application must be submitted at time of application to GLU) • Payment of application fee (ZAR 200.00)	• Completed Online application • Certified copy of transcript for Degree/Diploma • Certified copy of Degree/Diploma Certificate/s • At least seven years union/labour support organisation (LSO) experience • Research or Policy experience in union/LSO • Official letter of support from union/LSO • Personal Motivation Letter from applicant • Formal, written commitment to return to union/LSO for at least two years after completing GLU programme • Applicant's Curriculum Vitae (CV) • 65% and above average for previous studies • Sample of written academic work • Concept Note of proposed MA research project (5 pages max.) • SAQA evaluation certificate for international qualifications (SAQA application must be submitted at time of application to GLU) • Payment of application fee (ZAR 200.00)

Online Application Process and Application Closing Dates

IMPORTANT:

For Honours Applications, please click this link - <https://www.wits.ac.za/course-finder/postgraduate/humanities/bahons-labour-policy-and-globalisation/>

For Masters Applications, please click this link - <https://www.wits.ac.za/course-finder/postgraduate/humanities/ma-labour-policy-and-globalisation/>

Click on the “apply online” tab under the “University Application Process” heading to initiate your application. GLU will only review applications that are fully COMPLETED once the application fee of ZAR 200.00 is paid to the University by the closing date.

Incomplete applications and applications submitted after the closing date will not be reviewed.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

Your application must include the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) Evaluation Certificate for qualifications obtained outside of South Africa, or proof that you have applied to SAQA for evaluation. Without proof of submission to SAQA applications will not be reviewed. Please refer to this site for more information: www.saqa.org.za

Contact details for SAQA:

Tel No: +27(0)12 431 5000

E-mail address: saqainfo@saqa.org.za

You must start the SAQA process before you submit your application to GLU. If you have not received the evaluation certificate, you must include proof that you have applied to SAQA with your application.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 30 NOVEMBER 2026

SOUTH AFRICAN APPLICANTS

If you are **employed**, you must apply for **part-time** study.

Applications for entry into the Masters Programme or the Honours Programme are now open. We strongly encourage trade unionists, especially women unionists to apply. Once this is completed you will receive further communication and instructions from the University, i.e., where to upload your supporting documents, etc. Please follow those instructions to complete your application.

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Application Enquiries

For more information about the Programme and the application process, please contact:

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Further information is available at <https://www.wits.ac.za/glu/>

General University Enquiries

For general enquiries about student-related matters, please phone the Student Call Centre: +27(0)11 717 1888. Alternatively, click on www.wits.ac.za/askwits to log a query. The Student Enrolment Centre at Wits handles all student applications.