



Call for participants

# SA-TIED Young Scholars programme

## Background

United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), with its partners, the National Treasury, the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, the South African Revenue Service, the Department of Trade and Industry, Trade and Industrial Policy Strategies, International Food Policy Research Institute, and the European Union, invites interested participants to apply for the [Southern Africa – Towards Inclusive Economic Development](#) (SA-TIED) Young Scholars programme.

## Offer and expectations

The Young Scholars programme supports the research careers of promising current and future Master's-level university students based in South Africa. You are expected to submit a research proposal based on your Master's thesis research or an independent research project. Your proposal is expected to align thematically with at least one of the [SA-TIED work streams](#).

If accepted to the programme, you will work with top academics and policy officials in your field to develop and complete an original research project. During the course of the programme, you will build a lasting network with local and international experts and officials and your work will become a part of the SA-TIED programme's body of research on important, policy-relevant topics in inclusive economic development. Finally, your research will be published as a SA-TIED Young Scholars Working Paper, making an important contribution to your growing portfolio.

As you complete your studies, SA-TIED will facilitate your ongoing dialogue with other students, academics, and government officials in South Africa and will provide exposure to the breadth and depth of public sector research and analytical work which is ongoing within government.

## Proposal submission details

You should be a South Africa-based Master's student or an individual with an intention to enrol in a Master's degree in 2020 with a keen interest in conducting research on development economics topics relevant to Southern Africa and the scope of the SA-TIED programme.

To apply, please submit the following documents through the online portal which can be accessed [here](#).

- 1 Maximum 2-page CV
- 2 Maximum 2-page research proposal and the name and contact details of your supervisor or another academic reference. You are expected to identify which of the thematic work streams of SA-TIED your project relates to in your application, so familiarize yourself with different work streams on the programme website.

Submission of proposals is done electronically by using [the online portal](#) on the [announcement page](#).

Any questions on the proposal process should be addressed to [youngscholars@wider.unu.edu](mailto:youngscholars@wider.unu.edu)

### **Selected Young Scholars are expected to:**

- 1 Attend the kick-off workshop in Pretoria on Saturday 7 December 2019, to present work-in-progress towards your final research paper or Master's thesis to other young scholars and research experts in attendance.
- 2 Be available to present your thesis or final paper, in poster format, at a dissemination event tentatively planned for May 2020. You will receive a separate invitation to this event if you are selected to present.
- 3 Convert a main element of your thesis or final paper into a working paper (of about 8,000 words) by July 2020. This working paper, which needs to satisfy a set of quality requirements, will be published as a part of the SA-TIED Young Scholars Working Paper Series and will be available open access on the SA-TIED website.

### **For successful proposals:**

- 1 Selected Young Scholars will sign a contract with UNU-WIDER.
- 2 The contract will include an honorarium of US\$600 payable upon submission of the finalized working paper of sufficient quality to merit publication as a SA-TIED Young Scholars paper. The costs for attending Young Scholars related meetings and activities will be borne by UNU-WIDER in accordance with the UNU travel policy and are subject to prior approval of the UNU-WIDER Director.

### **About SA-TIED**

United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) is implementing together with its partners over the period 2017–20 a research programme titled Southern Africa – Toward Inclusive Economic Development (SA-TIED), with the aim of enhancing economic research, capacity-building, and policy dialogue.

The SA-TIED programme is a three-year initiative, inaugurated at the end of 2017. It aims to improve the interface between cutting-edge research and policy formulation, by engaging policy makers and researchers in a shared process of knowledge creation and capacity-building.

As a partnership between departments in the economic cluster and local and international research and policy institutes, the programme develops new models and methods for evidence-based, data-driven targeting and tracking of national policy.

A minimum of 150 research studies will be completed over the course of the programme, with findings that will guide policy debates on everything from enterprise dynamics and job creation to inequality, macroeconomic policy, climate change mitigation, and regional cooperation.

The programme's official partners are United Nations University World Institute for Economic Development (UNU-WIDER), the National Treasury (NT), the South African Revenue Service (SARS), the Department of Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation (DPME), the Department of Trade and Industry (dti), Trade and Industrial Policy Strategies (TIPS), the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), and the European Union.