2025 SUNStudent application guidelines: How to apply for the Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Development, Centre for Sustainability Transitions, Stellenbosch University

Step 1: Review the 2025 PGDip Prospectus for more information about the programme structure and offering.

Step 2: Familiarise yourself with the SUNStudent application guideline

A comprehensive guideline for prospective postgraduate students has been developed by Stellenbosch University. You can find this guideline to applying for postgraduate programmes here:

https://www.sun.ac.za/english/pgstudies/Pages/How-to-apply.aspx



Step 3: Create a profile on SUNStudent

Visit SUNStudent to create your profile and begin your online application.

https://student.sun.ac.za/

If you are a currently enrolled SU student, follow the instructions here:

https://www.sun.ac.za/english/pgstudies/Pages/Current-enrolled-SU-students.aspx

Step 4: Complete the Programme Selection

Select the Faculty: "Faculty of Economic and Management Science - Stellenbosch"

Select the Programme Type: "Postgraduate"

Select the Programme: "PGDip Sustainable Development"

Select the Application year: "2025"

Step 5: Complete the online application

Complete the following sections:

- Personal Information
- Next of Kin Details
- Address Details
- Tertiary Studies
- Student Accommodation

Step 6: Upload the relevant Application Documents

Ensure you have completed and provided the additional documents required as part of the application.

Download the PGDip Departmental Application form here:

https://www.sun.ac.za/english/pgstudies/Pages/Additional-documents-required.aspx

For the PGDip application you are required to provide the following:

- Degree certificates and transcripts
- Departmental Application Form
- Comprehensive CV
- Motivation Letter (1 000 words)

Upload these documents as part of your application on SUNStudent.

Step 7: Complete the Payment and Agree to Terms and Conditions

Step 8: Track you application status

You will receive regular communication from Stellenbosch University, each time your application status is updated. You can also track your application status online via the Applicant Portal using your username (email) and password.

Step 9: Accept your provisional / conditional offer

You may receive a provisional offer once your application has been reviewed. This must be accepted before you can receive your final offer.

If you are a current student and awaiting your final offer, you may receive a conditional offer, that is, you may be admitted on condition that you pass and complete your qualification and meet the programme requirements.

Step 10: Accept your final offer

You will receive a final offer once all requirements have been met.

Upload the final documents:

- Student Contract
- Student Support Form (optional)

Accepting the final offer will secure your place in the programme.