



## **School of Built Environment and Development Studies, University of KwaZulu-Natal**

### **Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship Awards, 2016**

DST/NRF South African Research Chair Initiative (SARChI) in Applied Poverty Reduction Assessment, under the administration of the School of Built Environment and Development Studies is pleased to announce one SARChI Post-Doctoral Fellowships for 2016. The fellowship award is one year at R200,000 per annum and there is the possibility for an extension for an additional one year. The selected fellowships will be attached to the DST/NRF Research Chair (SARChI) held by Professor Sarah Bracking.

The School of Built Environment and Development Studies is a multi-disciplinary research and teaching School with programmes in Architecture, Community Development, Development Studies, Housing, Planning and Population Studies. The School combines undergraduate and post-graduate teaching, research and community engagement.

The NRF/DST South African Research Chair in Applied Poverty Reduction Assessment proposes to undertake research on government, private sector and civil society interventions that have been designed to reduce poverty. One of the objectives of the Chair is to improve and accelerate the training of highly qualified personnel through research.

### **Research Topics**

Topics being investigated include the impact on poverty of infrastructure development (for example, public housing, the port expansion) poverty reduction and climate change adaptation and mitigation, urban informality and livelihoods, food security, service delivery and social welfare policy.

### **Fellowship Award Criteria**

The following eligibility criteria apply:

- Applicants must have completed the doctoral degrees within the last five years;
- Fellowships are open to South African citizens and permanent residents;
- Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis, taking into account applicants' academic achievements, outputs and research potential;

- Applicants who are applying for a third cycle of postdoctoral research support are not eligible;
- Full-time employees of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are not eligible to apply;
- All fellowship awards should be held as primary funding towards the research study;
- Fellowships must not be held simultaneously with a fellowship from any other source;
- Fellows must not hold full-time salaried employment during the tenure of the fellowship;
- All fellows will be allowed to undertake a maximum of 12 hours of teaching, tutorials, assistance or demonstration duties per week on average, and may be remunerated for these duties, provided that they are reimbursed at a rate not exceeding the normal institutional tariff for services rendered; and
- Fellows will be expected to be proximate to the University for at least 80 per cent of the period of the Fellowship.

In addition to this fellowship application, selected applicants are required to be accepted and registered in the discipline of Development Studies.

Post-Doc Fellowship Award applications should consist of:

1. A letter of motivation;
2. A summary research proposal of 2 pages;
3. A C.V. ;
4. Full academic records; and
5. The contact details of two academic referees.

In addition to the fellowship, successful applicants will also receive support for field work and conference attendance.

Preference will be given to South African applicants.

The deadline for bursary applications is **31 October 2015**.

Applications should be submitted to: Mrs Kathleen Diga ([digak@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:digak@ukzn.ac.za)) and Prof Bracking ([bracking@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:bracking@ukzn.ac.za)), using the header: UKZN SARCHI post-doc application 2016.

For further information please see:

<http://sobeds.ukzn.ac.za/Homepage.aspx>

<http://www.appliedpovertyreduction.com>