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HUMANITIES

RESEARCH PROJECT ON THE HISTORIES OF UNIVERSITIES IN **SOUTH AFRICA**

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS | ONE YEAR
DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS | THREE YEARS



APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS AND DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR RESEARCH ON THE HISTORIES OF UNIVERSITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Based at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (Howard College campus), the successful applicants will strive for excellence in the quality and transformative impacts of their research, work with leading scholars involved in researching the histories of universities in South Africa and uphold the highest forms of ethical standards.

Awards

- The Postdoctoral Fellowships are for 12 months and are worth R 200 000 per annum (tax free). They may be renewable if finances permit and on progress of research and good performance. Applicants must have completed a doctoral degree within the past five years in a discipline/field relevant to the topic of the research project (higher education, history, sociology, politics, etc.).
- The Doctoral Scholarships are for three years and are worth R120 000 per year. They are renewable annually on progress of research and good performance. Applicants must have completed a Masters degree in a discipline/field relevant to the topic of the research project (higher education, history, sociology, politics, etc.).

The Research Project is committed to equity and transformation. Applications from previously disadvantaged population groups and persons with disabilities will be viewed favourably.

Research Project

The Histories of Universities in South Africa Research Project has two goals.

One is to produce a book on the origins and development of universities in South Africa that analyses the purposes, goals, objectives, roles, functions, and objects that were defined for specific universities and for universities generally, how and by whom they were defined, what conditions and ideas shaped the definitions, how definitions changed over time, and to what extent, in what ways, and why actual pursuits of universities differed from the stated ones. Put in another way, the question of the purposes that universities were intended to serve also raises the questions of whose purposes were those, how did those purposes come to be constituted, how were they shaped by place and time, and how and why did they change. The book will also provide an account of the origins, expansion, and development of universities during the colonial, segregation, and apartheid eras and the post-1994 period, and analyse both the historical, structural, and conjunctural conditions in the economy, polity and society, as well as the intellectual milieus, thinking, human agency, conflicts, and contestations that gave rise to universities, and shaped the definitions of their purposes, goals, objectives, roles, functions, and objects.

The second goal of the Research Project is to encourage and undertake in partnership with select universities research and writing on the histories of individual South African universities.

The project is led by Professor Saleem Badat, Research Professor in the College of Humanities, University of KwaZulu-Natal (Howard College campus).

Applications

- All applications will be required to provide:
- A letter of motivation
- An up-to-date CV
- Contact details of two academic referees
- A two-page summary of your research interests
- An example of your academic writing either an article or chapter of your Masters or PhD thesis.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS:

WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2021.

Enquiries will, however, be accepted at any time.

POTENTIAL APPLICANTS ARE INVITED TO CONTACT:

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