**College of Humanities**

**Mellon Early Career Scholars Programme**

**Three Doctoral Scholarships (up to Four Years)**

**Five Masters Scholarships (up to two years)**

Applications are invited for three Doctoral Scholarships and five Masters Scholarships attached to Mellon Early Career Scholars in the College of Humanities at the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

Based at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (Howard College, Pietermaritzburg and Edgewood campuses), the successful applicants will strive for excellence in the quality and transformative impacts of their research, work with leading Early Career Scholars involved in research on select topics in the arts, humanities and social sciences and uphold the highest ethical standards.

**Awards**

The Doctoral Fellowships are for up to 48 months and are worth R 135 000 per annum. They are renewable on progress of research and good performance. Applicants must have completed and excelled in their Masters degree in a discipline/field in which the Early Career Scholars work.

The Masters Scholarships are for up to 24 months and are worth R105 000 per year. They are renewable annually on progress of research and good performance. Applicants must have completed and excelled in their Honours degree in a discipline/field in which the Early Career Scholars work.

The Mellon Early Career Scholars Programme is committed to equity and transformation. Applications from previously and currently disadvantaged groups and persons with disabilities will be viewed especially favourably.

Focus areas of Scholarships

Doctoral and Masters scholarships are available in the following areas:

* English Studies (linked to Dr Thulani Mkhize, with a specific focus on African literature and Women in literature)
* Gender Studies (linked to Dr Gabisile Mkhize)
* Anthropology (linked to Dr Nokwanda Nzuza)
* Higher Education Studies (linked to Dr Cedric Mpungose, with a specific focus on Online Learning; and linked to Dr Mlamuli Hlatshwayo, with a specific focus on Transformation and Decolonial studies)
* Psychology (linked to Dr Phindile Mayaba, with a specific focus on Culture and Language). Please note that professional Masters in areas such as Clinical and Counselling Psychology are entirely excluded.

**Applications**

* All applications must provide:
* A letter of motivation
* An up-to-date CV
* Contact details of two academic referees
* A one-page summary of your research interests
* An example of your academic writing either an article or chapter of your Honours long paper or thesis or your Masters research report or thesis.

**Closing date for applications is Wednesday, 28 February 2021.**

**Interested and eligible applicants are invited to contact Prof Saleem Badat at** [**badatm@ukzn.ac.za**](mailto:badatm@ukzn.ac.za) **or on +27 078 771 1989**