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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR A SIX WEEK ONLINE PROGRAMME AND EXCHANGE WITH UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND SOUTH AFRICAN HBIs, IN 2025.

The HBI xperience (HBIx) project aims to address gaps in research collaborations and partnerships between Historically Black Institutions (HBIs) in the United States and South Africa. Through a student-faculty exchange, participants will create community-based research projects focused on digital humanities and storytelling, aligning with U.S. Embassy goals to strengthen institutional linkages and foster STEM education partnerships.

The call is open to three 2nd year undergraduate students in the Schools of Education, Engineering, Life Sciences and Chemistry. The program invites second-year undergraduate students from academic areas including **Education, STEAM, Environmental Studies, Humanities, Art, and Digital Studies.**

Participants will come from the following institutions in the United States: **Bennett College, Morehouse College, Clark Atlanta University, and one U.S. community college.** South African institutions include the **University of KwaZulu-Natal, Mangosuthu University of Technology, University of Zululand, and Coastal KZN TVET College.**

Participants will engage in a six-week virtual course on Pan-African and Indigenous Knowledge theoretical frameworks and digital humanities, pre-orientation activities, a faculty-student exchange Capstone in South Africa, and attend a conference in Washington, D.C.



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GRANT FOR candidate:

The students' travel to South Africa/United States of America will be funded: passports, visas, flights, accommodation and subsistence. Kindly note that South African students have to apply for the USA visa.

Deadline for the applications: 24 January 2025

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Kindly submit the following documents to Ms Preshantha Reddy on:

redryp@ukzn.ac.za

1. A professional CV (include Community Engagement experience and three contactable references)
2. A letter of motivation
3. A letter of recommendation from a UKZN academic
4. A copy of a most recent academic record with a minimum grade average of 73%
5. Level of Involvement in activities, community engagement, leadership, balance of student performance.

A Selection Committee will interview eligible candidates.

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