**Post-doctoral fellowship in the Social Sciences and Humanities**

(with a specialization in Race, Technology and Social Science Research Methodologies in Africa)

One Year Fixed Term Contract

The Office of the Dean of the School of Social Sciences, College of Humanities, seeks to appoint one post-doctoral fellow. Providing strategic assistance to the Office of the Dean of the School of Social Sciences, the fellow will conduct research in areas that are important for the advancement of the humanities and social sciences, in line with the strategic plan of the University of KwaZulu-Natal. In consultation with the Dean of Social Sciences and relevant stakeholders, the post-doctoral fellow will conduct research on (1) the ethics of race and technology in research, (2) STS and social sciences research methodologies in Africa, (3) AI relative to research methods in postcolonial contexts, (4) to

undertake appropriate research in the sociology of race, religion and culture after technology, and (5) to write reports as and when required. To advance their own professional development, fellows will be expected to develop their own research niche areas during this period and to support the strategic initiative within the school of Social Sciences.

**Minimum Requirements**

1. A PhD or Doctorate in the humanities and social sciences (in the broad sense)
2. Intermediate /advanced qualitative research skills
3. Proven research track record as evidenced by at least one peer-reviewed publications
4. Prior knowledge of and/or involvement in teaching and/or research on race, technology and social sciences.

**Value of the scholarship:**

Cost to company of R250 000 per annum.

**Application procedure**:

Applicants should apply via email to Mrs Siphindile Ntanta [NtantaS@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:NtantaS@ukzn.ac.za) with **POSTDOC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION RACE, TECHNOLOGY AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES** (in capital letters) in the subject line of the message, providing the following documentation:

1. A one-page cover letter describing their research interests and suitability for this position
2. An indication of how the above minimum requirements are met; and,
3. A comprehensive curriculum vitae (CV), including a list of publications, and the names and contact details of at least two contactable referees.

**Enquiries**:

For more information about the scholarship, please email Prof. Federico Settler ([settler@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:settler@ukzn.ac.za)), with **POSTDOC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION RACE, TECHNOLOGY AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES** (in capital letters) in the subject line of the message.

**Closing Date for Applications**:

**14 July 2025**