**Post-doctoral fellowship in the Social Sciences and Humanities X4**

(with a specialization in digital humanities, AI, Indigenous Knowledge systems)

One Year Fixed Term Contract

The Research Office, College of Humanities, seeks to appoint 4 post-doctoral fellows. The fellows will conduct research and drive technological innovation in areas of digital humanities, AI, indigenous knowledge systems, and new technologies in humanities and social sciences. In consultation with the College Dean of Research and relevant stakeholders, the post-doctoral fellows will 1) conduct research on the integration of indigenous/alternative healing methods into the mainstream mental health services offered to students in tertiary institutions, 2) assist with the college in training postgraduate students on the ethical use of AI, 3) conduct research into the College’s various strategic initiatives, 4) assist with the development of digital humanities signature programmes and undertake appropriate research and 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 attend the College’s Post-Doctoral programme.

**Minimum Requirements**

1. A PhD or Doctorate in the humanities and social sciences (in the broad sense)
2. Intermediate /advanced statistical methods or qualitative research skills
3. Proven record of e-social science and AI skills
4. Evidence of involvement in digital humanities activities
5. Good computer skills
6. Prior knowledge of and/or involvement in IKS, Afrikan Studies/, and/or Southern knowledge perspectives

**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 DIGITAL HUMANITIES** (in capital letters) in the subject line of the message, providing the following documentation:

1. A cover letter describing their research interests;
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. Vivian Ojong ([Ojong@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:Ojong@ukzn.ac.za)), with **POSTDOC SCHOLARSHIP Digital Humanities ENQUIRY** (in capital letters) in the subject line of the message.

**Closing Date for Applications**:

**29 July 2025**