



Postdoctoral Research Scholarships Available in the College of Humanities for 2026 Apply Now

Applications are invited for Postdoctoral Research Scholarships in the College of Humanities for 2026. The successful applicants will be expected to engage in **full-time** postdoctoral studies on an approved research programme under the supervision of a member of the academic staff in one of the three Schools of the College of Humanities. Each scholarship consists of a stipend of **R250 000** for a full academic year,

Eligibility Criteria:

-  A doctoral degree obtained in the past five (5) years, in any of the disciplines (or cross-, trans-, inter-disciplines) offered in the College of Humanities.
- Must be younger than 45 years of Age
- Should have not held a position as postdoctoral research fellow in the past five (5) years
-  Preference is reserved for the South African citizens and permanent residents.
-  Any exceptions must be motivated to the Interim College Dean of Research , Professor Vivian Besem Ojong (ojong@ukzn.ac.za)

NB: Postdoctoral scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis, taking into account the applicant's academic achievements, as well as the quality of the proposed programme and its potential for enhancing general research activity in the host School, College and the University.

Please submit the following as part of your application:

-  A full curriculum vitae, including a list of publications and all the qualification certificates.
-  A proposal for a postdoctoral research project, which will be evaluated based on peer review for its excellence; - The proposal should contain a clear plan for research dissemination; and output;

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NB: The successful incumbent will be expected to complete an employment form under Human Resources regulations for staff members, to access facilities such as the library, personalised email address and receive their monthly payment timeously.

Required Outputs:

-  The successful applicant will engage in postdoctoral research study under the supervision of a member of staff who will be allocated by the school depending on the expertise required.
-  The successful applicant is expected to participate in some of the academic activities of the discipline, college, where possible (seminars, workshops, etc).
-  Renewal for the second (2nd) year, up to the third (3rd) year, will depend on:
- a minimum of two DHET accredited creative research outputs/book/s or book chapters/journal articles; a satisfactory report from the postdoctoral fellow and supervisor.
- Renewal is subject to the availability of funds

Applications Form: <https://forms.gle/wHqRAsK95pFANAW28>

Closing Date: Wednesday 01 April 2026