

The University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) is committed to meeting the objectives of Employment Equity to improve representivity within the Institution. Preference will be given to applicants from designated groups in accordance with our Employment Equity Plan.

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES

**POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP
(SARChI CHAIR PEACE & JUSTICE)
01 AUGUST 2026 – 31 JULY 2027
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
PIETERMARITZBURG CAMPUS**

REF: SARChI-PD-2026

The DSI/NRF South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI) in Peace and Justice Education is pleased to announce ONE SARChI Postdoctoral Fellowship. The fellowship award is for 1 year (1 August 2026 – 31 July 2027). There is a possibility of an extension dependent on progress and funding. The Chair seeks to develop high-quality scholarship and interventions that respond to key challenges to peace and justice. Current focus includes Intergenerational transmission of trauma and violence, Bullying in educational institutions, Gender-based violence, Disability and Inclusion and the development of community-based peace education programmes.

The incumbent will report to the SARChI Chair: (Peace and Justice)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must have completed a relevant doctoral degree within the last five years.
- Fellowships are open to South African citizens and permanent residents only.
- The successful candidate will need to be based in South Africa, as well as be willing to travel for conferences and workshops.
- fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis, considering applicants' academic achievements and research potential in the area of peace and justice education;
- Applicants who are applying for a third cycle of postdoctoral research support are not eligible.
- Fellowships must not be held simultaneously with a fellowship from any other source.
- Fellows must not hold full-time salaried employment during the tenure of the fellowship.

Enquiries and details regarding this post may be directed to Professor VM John, email: johnv@ukzn.ac.za

The remuneration offered will be in accordance with the UKZN and NRF fixed-term rates. The closing date for receipt of applications is 06 July 2026.

Applicants are required to submit the following documents in a single PDF to Dr S. Jacobs, email: JacobsS@ukzn.ac.za, with the reference "**SARChI Postdoctoral Fellowship: Peace and Justice Education 2026 and the reference number SARChI-PD-2026**" in the subject line.

The application should include:

- A current Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- A letter of motivation outlining the applicant's research interests, demonstrating how they meet the eligibility criteria, and explaining how their previous academic/research experience aligns with the focus and objectives of the SARChI Chair in Peace and Justice Education.
- A brief research proposal (maximum two pages) outlining the proposed research focus, objectives, methodology, and potential contribution to the field of peace and justice education.
- An example of academic writing demonstrating the applicant's scholarly ability, either in the form of a published article, book chapter, or an extract from their PhD thesis.
- Full academic transcripts/records.
- Contact details of two academic referees who can comment on the applicant's academic achievements, research potential, and suitability for the fellowship.

Kindly note that the University of KwaZulu-Natal ("the University") is required to process any Personal Information (as defined by the Protection of Personal Act, 2013 "POPIA") submitted by candidates when applying for positions at the University. The provision of the Personal Information is a requirement in terms of the University's recruitment and selection process. The retention of any personal information is as a consequence of the University being bound by legislative requirements and / or good governance practices as well as record keeping for statistical purposes. The University will endeavour to ensure that the appropriate security measures are in place and implemented for both electronic and paper-based formats that are used for processing of the personal information recorded through this recruitment and selection process.