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## **12 month Visiting Scholar PhD Student Fellowship: Decolonising Higher Education in Canada and South Africa**

Location: Manitoba, Canada / Gauteng, South Africa

Date posted: August, 2018

Advertised until: October, 2018

Salary: \$35,000 Cdn inclusive of medical allowance, flight, and visa fees

This exciting dual-site research project is an opportunity for a doctoral student to engage in a comparative study of student led/directed efforts to decolonise/Indigenise higher education in Canada and South Africa. Sparked by the University of Winnipeg's Indigenous Course Requirement, and South Africa's widespread #FeesMustFall protests, this project seeks to comparatively investigate ways students in higher education are narrating, resisting and challenging colonial legacies in their unique contexts. This project explores ways that students are reimagining and engaging with their own education to develop emergent spaces that challenge violence and insecurity related to colonial legacies.

### Location, Opportunities and Activities

This comparative project is situated at the University of Winnipeg, the University of Pretoria, and the University of the Witwatersrand, and is directed at building community and university dialogue in and between Canada and South Africa. The pre-doctoral fellow will have opportunities to collaborate on publications, engage with student activists and organisations, and develop and participate in innovative forms of knowledge mobilisation. Concrete skill-building will be a critical part of this fellowship, which will include access to professional development courses and opportunities for teaching, networking, pedagogical training, and public speaking. As part of this role the predoctoral fellow must organise two public events or talks and a minimum of one paper for publication.

The successful candidate will spend one year partaking on the project, based at the University of Winnipeg for 6 months and either the University of Pretoria or the University of the Witwatersrand (to be determined based on expertise) for 6 months. The anticipated start date is February 2019 in South Africa. This pre-doctoral fellowship is supported in part by The University of Winnipeg Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee International Scholars Program. The successful candidate will have access to the growing network of global scholars who participate in and graduate from this prestigious program. The pre-doctoral fellow will receive the stated funding amount which includes a stipend for return airfare from South Africa, health coverage, and visa fees. Office space and library access will be provided in Winnipeg and Pretoria or Johannesburg. The University of Winnipeg will provide guidance with respect to visas, accommodation, and orientation to Winnipeg and Canada. An academic supervisor will be assigned based on discipline and area of expertise.

### Requirements for the Fellowship

We invite applications from doctoral students who are currently enrolled in a full time PhD program in South Africa, and have been for at least one year, with a demonstrated connection to this project - including but not limited to social movements, decolonisation and higher



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education. This position is open to applicants from all related disciplines. Applicants must be a South African citizen or permanent resident. The nomination is contingent on receipt of an appropriate visa for Canada.

To apply please send a single pdf document containing:

- a cover letter
- cv
- proof of South African citizenship or permanent residency
- letter from your PhD supervisor confirming your PhD start date and support for your participation.
- 2- page single spaced summary of your research approach to this opportunity
- contact information for two academic references

Your research approach must: (1) detail an innovative and achievable research plan including research method, theoretical framework, and timeline, (2) show familiarity with one or more of the student movements at the heart of this project and related literature, and (3) demonstrate how this project builds on your past work and fits into your research program. Applicants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the University of Winnipeg's Indigenous Course Requirement: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/indigenous/indigenous-course-requirement/background.html>

Applications will be reviewed starting on October 15, 2018 for a position to commence February, 2018. All correspondence should be sent to Drs. Jeannie Kerr and Kristi Kenyon c/o: Kelsey Lambert [ke.lambert@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:ke.lambert@uwinnipeg.ca).