



Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship

Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship at the Free State Centre for Human Rights, University of the Free State, South Africa

The Free State Centre for Human Rights

(<https://www.ufs.ac.za/law/free-state-centre-for-human-rights/legal-services/homepage>) is a newly established institution at the University of the Free State, South Africa. Its key objectives are to: Develop human rights cultures institutionally and engage communities on the promotion and protection of human rights, locally and elsewhere; generate comparative and international research initiatives on the scholarship of human rights within various socio-political contexts; develop novel methodologies in which traditional human rights issues can be complemented by inter-disciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches, and pursue scholarship and interventions on human rights issues (broadly) in university contexts and widely within associated communities.

The UFS (www.ufs.ac.za) is one of the oldest universities in South Africa with 28 000 students on its main campus in Bloemfontein. It encourages student exchange with universities world-wide and has an office for international affairs (<http://supportservices.ufs.ac.za/content.aspx?DCode=460>) that assists foreign students. Bloemfontein is a medium-sized South African city (population 650 000) centrally located in the middle of South Africa with easy access to different parts of South Africa and southern Africa. The city offers a safe and vibrant student community surrounded by a wide range of attractions, including nature reserves, parks and wild-life sanctuaries and also has a Planetarium and Observatory for stargazing.

The University of the Free State (UFS) invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for a postdoctoral fellowship in the Free State Centre for Human Rights. Candidates interested in pursuing an academic or professional career oriented to human rights in the fields of law, humanities, social or political sciences are encouraged to apply.

The fellowship will enable an outstanding doctoral graduate to obtain experience of research and innovation at a higher education institution under the mentorship of established researchers.

The successful candidate will be required to conduct innovative interdisciplinary research on human rights by developing human rights research niches in and across relevant disciplines.

The fellowship is awarded on a competitive basis, taking into account the applicants' academic achievements, publication outputs and research potential, as well as the relevance of prior experience and expertise.

The fellowship is available for a period of one year, renewable for up to three years subject to satisfactory performance.

Eligibility Criteria: • Open to all South African and foreign nationals for full-time research at the University of the Free State • Graduated with a PhD degree in a relevant discipline within the last 5 years • Successful applicants may not hold full-time salaried employment during the fellowship • Successful applicants must be able to relocate to the UFS for the duration of the fellowship. This is a residential fellowship: The successful applicant is required to spend 80% of her/his post-doctoral period at the UFS.

The successful candidate will be required to: • Conduct innovative interdisciplinary research on human rights by developing human rights research niches in and across relevant disciplines • Collaborate around shared interdisciplinary themes related to human rights, institutionally, nationally and internationally • Assist in postgraduate supervision • Participate in developing innovative interdisciplinary curricula for the modules of the master's programme in human rights • Author/co-author at least 3 publication outputs per year in the form of DHET-accredited scholarly journal articles or books/chapters in books • Register and reside as postdoctoral research fellow at the UFS and participate in relevant activities of the School of Postgraduate Studies and the Directorate of Research Development.

Value of the Fellowship

- R220 000 annual fellowship
- R30 000 additional research expenses fund

To apply, please e-mail the following documentation by 1 October 2018 to Prof JL Pretorius: pretorjl@ufs.ac.za:

- Motivation letter, including a 1- to 2-page outline of relevant expertise and experience
- Full CV including a list of research publications, conference papers and other scholarly output
- Full transcripts of academic record and copy of doctoral degree certificate
- Copy of ID document (or copy of passport in the case of foreign applicants)
- Contact details of two academic referees who have taught/supervised the candidate.

Closing date: 1 October 2018

Commencement of fellowship: 1 February 2019

For enquiries, please contact Prof JL Pretorius, e-mail: pretorjl@ufs.ac.za

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