



Department of Historical Studies, University of Cape Town
History Access Postdoctoral Fellowship

The Department of Historical Studies at the University of Cape Town is entering a new phase of curriculum innovation and knowledge production, expressed in an innovative five-year programme, HISTORY ACCESS, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Aimed at training a new generation of South African historians who are conceptually multilingual, technically competent, and academically rigorous, the projected key outcomes of this programme include the production of a critical multilingual conceptual lexicon, journal articles/ book chapters, innovative (new media) articulations of original research, and increased interface with public lives of the historical discipline.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Department of Historical Studies. The HISTORY ACCESS Postdoctoral 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. We particularly encourage application from scholars pursuing innovative research in any field of intellectual, cultural, political, economic and social history of modern Africa; and connected and comparative histories of colonial and postcolonial global south. Candidates would be expected to have strong empirical grounding in their fields of specialization, a collaborative spirit, theoretical fluency, and ability and willingness to (i) work with African vernacular language sources, and/ or (ii) develop innovative (new media) articulations of original research.

Conditions of Award:

- ☐ Eligible candidates must have achieved their doctoral degree in History or a cognate discipline within the past five years, and may not have held prior full-time permanent academic or professional posts.
- ☐ The successful candidate will be required to conduct innovative research and participate in relevant activities of the History Access programme.
- ☐ The successful candidate is expected to produce at least two (2) single-authored peer-reviewed publications in ISI-rated journals in the year of the fellowship.
- ☐ The successful candidate will be required to register and reside as postdoctoral research fellow at the Department of Historical Studies, UCT and to comply with relevant

policies, procedures and practices at the University of Cape Town. They are required to be based in Cape Town and spend at least 80% of their postdoctoral period at the UCT.

- ❑ The successful candidate may not hold full-time salaried employment during the fellowship.

Value and Tenure:

- ❑ The value of the Fellowship is ZAR 190, 000 per annum.
- ❑ The fellowship is available for a period of one year, with the possibility of renewal for up to two years on evidence of satisfactory academic progress.

Application Procedure:

Suitable candidates are required to email the following documents by 30 October 2017 to History.Access@uct.ac.za

- ❑ A cover letter of no more than 2 single-spaced pages, which includes a brief description of past and current research and an outline of future research plans.
- ❑ One writing sample of no less than 8000 words.
- ❑ A complete and up-to-date curriculum vitae, including the names and e-mail addresses of three academic referees.
- ❑ 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)

Application deadline: 30 October 2017

Commencement of fellowship: 1 January 2018

For more information please contact History.Access@uct.ac.za or call (+27 21) 650 2742

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