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SOUTH AFRICAN RESEARCH CHAIR IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

NRF Funded Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship Award

The South African Research Chair in (SARChI) Teaching and Learning (T&L), located at the University of Johannesburg, generates basic and applied knowledge about the form, content, and impact of teaching and learning in the Post School Education and Training (PSET) sector. The SARChI T&L is focused on developing a knowledge base in the field of undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and learning by investing significantly in the building research capacity and the generating a pool of researchers working in associated areas. The fellowship targets doctoral graduates who wish to pursue a career in teaching and research. Successful candidates will work closely with the Chairholder, Prof Shireen Motala.

The specific objectives of the SARChI T&L are:

- Develop a rigorous and robust programme of research and scholarship to advance knowledge in the field of undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and learning.
- Support and build research capacity.
- Bridge the current education policy-practice gap in South Africa and contribute to evidence-based policy making.
- Initiate and build a platform of research, research capacity, policy discussion, academic debate, and collegial collaboration pertaining undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and learning in South Africa.

The SARChI T&L undertakes research in the following thematic areas:

- Teaching Excellence: Undergraduate Education.
- Access, Equity and Success: Undergraduate Education.
- Access and Success: Supervision for quality Postgraduate Education.
- Socially Just Pedagogy and the Decolonisation of the Curriculum.

Postdoctoral Fellowships:

Two Postdoctoral NRF funded Research Fellowship are available from 1 June 2025. The candidate will be required to contribute to the research activities and outputs in the SARChI T&L. They will also be expected to contribute to supervision and teaching where appropriate.

The NRF Eligibility criteria:

- Applicants must have graduated with their doctoral degree within four (4) years of applying to the NRF. For this Call, applicants must have graduated with their doctoral degree no later than 31 December 2020.
- Full-time employees of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) or other research institutions are only eligible to apply if they intend to take unpaid leave for the duration of the postdoctoral fellowship.
- Applicants who are applying for a second NRF Postdoctoral research placement will be eligible if they intend undertaking research on a new project.
- Applicants who are applying for a second NRF Postdoctoral research placement to continue with research on the same project are not eligible.
- Applicants who are applying for a third NRF Postdoctoral research placement are not eligible.

Additional requirements:

- The candidates should have excellent research and writing skills.
- Candidate should also show proven ability to conduct research and produce academic journal articles. and peer reviewed publications.
- The candidate should have research project management skills, able to write funding proposals, and contribute to all activities to support the SARChI Chair T&L.
- South African citizens, South African permanent residents as well as international candidates.

Applications:

- All candidates must provide a detailed Curriculum Vitae, and the names and full contact details (including email addresses) of at least three traceable and credible referees. On your Curriculum Vitae please include your research interest and list of research outputs, published, accepted and under review with the names of journals you have submitted to.
- A letter of motivation outlining past research work and achievements as well as an indication of intended research in the field of teaching and learning .
- ID/passport Copy
- Copy of the doctoral certificate.

Closing date:

6 June 2025

Commencement of fellowship:

As soon as possible thereafter.

Forward your application and queries to: Ms Thembele Cebekulu at thembelac@uj.ac.za

Award:

Applications are invited from suitably candidates to conduct research in the field of undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and learning that contributes to the long-term development of research capacity in this field.

The Postdoctoral Fellowship is funded by the NRF, Fellows will receive two (2) years of support. and is worth R 370 000 per annum (tax free).