



The University of Johannesburg's

## **Centre for Social Change**

requests applications for

### **Post-doctoral Research Fellows, Doctoral Bursars and Masters Bursars**

#### **The Centre for Social Change**

The Centre for Social Change conducts interdisciplinary research on social change and has built a strong reputation for studying social movements, strikes and protests. It produces high quality, rigorous scholarship for academic and other publications, and actively engages civil society, academics and the wider public in thinking about alternative futures that expand democracy for the majority of humanity. We are also interested in research that explores technology and social change in response to the challenges posed by the fourth industrial revolution.

The Centre has a core team comprising students, post-doctoral fellows and researchers based on the University of Johannesburg's Bunting Road Campus, and a network of research associates, collaborators and associates located elsewhere in South Africa and around the world. The Centre's director, Professor Peter Alexander, holds the South African Research Chair in Social Change. Other staff include Professor Carin Runciman and Dr Trevor Ngwane.

#### **Post-doctoral Research Fellowships**

The Centre seeks to appoint Post-doctoral research fellows (PDRFs). We welcome candidates from a range of disciplines that conduct research connected to the broad theme of progressive social change. Positions are normally tenable for two years, subject to a successful review at the end of the first year, with the possibility for the extension into a third year. PDRFs are expected to produce the equivalent of three accredited research publications, which could be a book, a year. PDRFs currently receive R240,000 per annum (tax free). Applications from across the world are welcomed, particularly from those conducting research on other countries on the African continent. Candidates are expected to have completed their PhD at the time of the application.

## Doctoral bursaries

The Centre seeks to appoint doctoral bursars to be registered at the University of Johannesburg. Doctoral bursars planning to undertake research that falls within the scope of the Centre's remit is preferred. Doctoral bursars currently receive R100,000 per year for a period of three years and they are expected to submit their dissertation in this period.

## MA bursaries

The Centre seeks to appoint MA bursars to be registered at the University of Johannesburg undertaking research that falls within the scope of the Centre's remit and supervision capacity. MA bursars will receive a bursary for two years and are expected to submit their dissertation within 18 months. The current value of the bursary is R70,000 per year.

## Applications

All applications must include a letter of motivation, CV and contact details of two academic referees. Applications for MA and doctoral bursaries should also include a two-page summary of their proposed research. Post-doctoral research fellows should also include a two page summary of their past and future research with a proposed publication plan to be undertaken in the first year of the fellowship.

While the Centre has some fellowships and bursaries linked to the Research Chair, which is funded by the NRF, it will also assist applicants to acquire support, from, for instance, the University of Johannesburg, the National Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences and the NRF.

The Centre is committed to processes of equity and transformation. Applications from previously disadvantaged population groups and persons with disabilities will be viewed favourably.

Applications should be sent to Mr Craig Solomon, [craigs@uj.ac.za](mailto:craigs@uj.ac.za) by **4pm 21 September 2018**.

Enquires should be directed to Professor Carin Runciman, [crunciman@uj.ac.za](mailto:crunciman@uj.ac.za)

