

## 2022/2023 HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP CALL

The National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS), through the South African Humanities Deans Association (SAHUDA), invites all faculties and/or centres/institutes of the Humanities and Social Sciences in conversation with other fields, to submit proposals to implement Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Programme to promote researchers with a keen interest in contextually-relevant research with transformational impacts in the African context; who are inquisitive and eager scholars committed to both excellence in research and continuous learning towards impacting transformational knowledge generation.

This Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Programme affords Postdoctoral Fellows an opportunity to strive for excellence in the quality and transformative impacts of their research and commit to and uphold the highest forms of ethical standards.

### HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

The National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS) invites university faculties and centres/ institutes from South African public universities to submit proposals to host Postdoctoral Research Fellows who will be undertaking research in the broader Humanities and Social Sciences at South African higher education institutions.

The Programme will support fulltime Fellows addressing the following broad research themes:

1. Agriculture, Rural Livelihoods and Development
2. Arts, Performance and Sources of Creativity (creative fields from various settings across the HSS, to study cultural formations and social changes);
3. Digital Humanities (the intersection of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and the HSS and Arts, an HSS perspective of digital tools, techniques, and platforms, and how these impact society)
4. Ecosystems, Climate, and technology
5. Global Economy, Development Challenges and Socio-Economic Alternatives;
6. Higher Education, Teaching, Research, and Innovation
7. Indigenous Languages (the development of African languages for scientific use);
8. Pandemics, Medicine, Disease and Curing

9. Pre-Colonial, Colonial, and Postcolonial Histories (historical construction of South Africa from the eleventh to the sixteenth centuries and link this to the broader region of southern Africa);
10. Transformation, Race, Culture, and Identity

### The proposal should include:

1. **Statement of Intent-** What will be done, by whom, how, over what period? What is the problem/ need? Provide convincing evidence that what the host faculty and/ or centre/institute is proposing does not duplicate other work. Provide a comprehensive profile of the proposed host centre or Institute.
2. **Project Activity, Methodology, Budget, and Outcome-** Why is the host faculty and/ or centre/ institute the best one to do what it proposes to do? Is it an extension of successful, innovative work or a pilot project the host faculty and/ or centre/ Institute already completed?
3. **Monitoring-** Outline clearly the methodology that the host faculty and/ or centre/institute will use to assess the project's success.
4. **Supported by-** Proposals must be signed off by the relevant Dean and Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

### PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES

The following South African public universities are participating in the programme:

The University of Cape Town, Stellenbosch University, University of the Western Cape, Tshwane University of Technology, University of Pretoria, University of South Africa, University of the Witwatersrand, University of Johannesburg, Durban University of Technology, University of KwaZulu-Natal, University of Zululand, Nelson Mandela University, Rhodes University, University of Fort Hare, Walter Sisulu University, North West University, University of the Free State, University of Limpopo, University of Venda, Sol Plaatje University.

### VALUE OF THE AWARD

The successful applicants will receive funding for twenty-four months valued at R 400 000.00 (Four Hundred Thousand Rands Only) per annum per Postdoctoral Research Fellow, renewable depending on satisfactory academic progress at the end of the first year of the fellowship.

### APPLICANTS RESPONDING TO THIS CALL SHOULD SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION:

1. Application forms should be accessed at <https://gms.nihss.ac.za>
2. For assistance with the application process, please read the GUIDELINES
3. Profile of host centre/Institution
4. Motivation letter (maximum 1000 words)
5. A proposal describing the project's goal, expected outcomes/outputs, as well as the implementation plan and evaluation of success of the project.

For more information visit [www.nihss.ac.za](http://www.nihss.ac.za). Enquiries may be directed to Dr Yaliwe Selebogo ([yaliwe@nihss.ac.za](mailto:yaliwe@nihss.ac.za)). For technical queries only, please call 011 480 2331

**Closing Date: 30 June 2022 at 16h00 SAST**