Three (3) MA Studentships for Research on a health/medicine-related topic

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Applications are invited for support of study in South Africa at the MA level. Three studentships (in total) are available, each for two years of study, funded by the prestigious Wellcome Trust within the South Africa-UK Medical Humanities (SA-UK/MH) programme.

Each MA studentship includes an annual student fee contribution of up to R19, 580, and a monthly stipend of R13, 700. This is for a research MA path of study to begin January 2024, an approved proposal by June and with the submission of completed dissertations by 31 October 2025, at one of three universities: Wits University, University of Cape Town or University of Johannesburg.

Applicants and Applications
It is expected that an hons degree in History -- or cognate subject -- in the Humanities or Social Sciences will be achieved by the end of 2023. Candidates coming from the Life Sciences are welcome to apply but must explain in no more than 200 words how they think their skills prepare them for Medical Humanities research. The successful candidates will be involved also in establishing a digital presence.

Applications should include:
_A one-page cv outlining key academic achievements.
_A 1000 word application/motivation. This should address the question of what topic in Health History you would like to research dissertation AND how this fits with the expertise of either Prof Catherine Burns (WITS), Prof Carla Tsampiras (UCT) or Prof Thembisa Waetjen (UJ). Please stipulate where/with whom you would wish to study.
_Official proof (e.g. transcript) documenting previous study and marks awarded thus far.
_An added benefit will be demonstration of experience in the creation of digital media elements.

It may be an advantage if your research topic is related to one of the following key themes, focused on South African histories of:

- Maternity and reproductive health
- Food: health and politics
- Pharmaceuticals, drugs and addiction histories
- Digital medical and health humanities
- Another relevant topic

The deadline for applications is 1 September 2023 and all materials should be submitted by an email directed to: Caroline Marley at caroline.marley@strath.ac.uk