



POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS FOR 2022/ 2023

The DSI-NRF South African Research Chair in Industrial Development (SARChI-ID) has positions available for postdoctoral research fellowships. The fellowships are attached to a prestigious international project titled 'Accelerating Vaccine Production in Africa: A Centres of Excellence Initiative' seeking to foster extensive interactions between select African universities and reputed university counterparts in the USA and Europe. There are no teaching obligations. In keeping with the focus of the project, postdocs will be expected to conduct research and engage in translational policy advice at the country and regional level in Africa. The fellowships are for an initial one year period, with possibilities of renewal for up to December 2023 attached to this project, and continuation thereafter. Fellows will be paid a monthly stipend and are provided with office space, laptops, and access to funding for research and travel. In addition to the standard postdoctoral stipends, fellows will receive additional remuneration for project activities.

Eligibility and Research Areas

PhD must have been obtained within the past five years. The project deals with building production and innovation capacity in pharmaceuticals and vaccines in Africa. Applications from candidates in cognate disciplines (e.g. development studies, law, economics, innovation management, industrial sociology, international development, international political economy and public health) are welcome. Candidates with little or no experience of the pharmaceutical sector, but with experience of other industrial sectors in Africa, or alternatively those with experience in the pharmaceutical sector outside of Africa, are encouraged to apply. The positions will suit candidates whose research is linked to the field of development, with a focus on promoting production, competition, and inclusive innovation. Examples of research areas include: industrialisation; innovation and technological change; innovation policy; pharmaceutical innovation; innovation and intellectual property; competition law and policy, access to medicines; technology transfer and technology access; industrial policy; regional industrial development; public health; and more broadly, trade, intellectual property and public health. Other relevant research areas can also be considered. Fellows will be well integrated both in the project and in the activities of SARChI-ID.

About the South African Research Chair in Industrial Development

The South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI) is funded by the Department of Science and Innovation through the National Research Foundation. SARChI-ID is hosted at UJ, where it operates as a centre in the College of Business and Economics. UJ is the leading university in the country in industrial development and policy. The centre is led by Prof Fiona Tregenna and is a dynamic community of researchers, postdocs, students and research assistants, and affiliated international research associates. The project 'Accelerating Vaccine Production in Africa: A Centres of Excellence Initiative' with which this call is associated is funded by GIZ Germany, and is led by Prof. Padmashree Gehl Sampath, Berkman Klein Center, Harvard University and Visiting Professor, SARChI-ID.

Applications with CV, all university transcripts, copy of ID/passport, details of three references, and a cover letter explaining why you are applying and with an indication of research interests, are to be submitted to Ms Valerie Mahlo at valeriem@uj.ac.za

Strict closing date: 05 June 2022