

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP FOR 2024



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Applications are invited for Postdoctoral Research Fellows with experience in agricultural local innovation and production systems

Fellows are hosted at the [DSI/NRF Trilateral Research Chair in Transformative Innovation, the 4th Industrial Revolution, and Sustainable Development](#) (UJ-TRCTI) at the **University of Johannesburg**, South Africa. Fellowships carry a basic salary, with some funding for travel, training, research costs, etc. Fellows are provided with shared office space, equipment, and administrative support. Fellowships are for one year and renewable for a second year (depending on performance and available funding).

About TRCTI

The Trilateral Chair is a prestigious research programme co-funded by the South African Department of Science and Innovation and administered by the National Research Foundation. The Research Chair is a partnership between the [University of Johannesburg](#), the [University of Sussex](#) (UK), and the [African Centre for Technology Studies \(ACTS\)](#) in Kenya. The Chair is formed by dynamic international researchers and engages in cutting-edge research. [Prof Erika Kraemer-Mbula](#) holds the Research Chair at the University of Johannesburg.

Tasks

We are seeking a PDRF with expertise and background in **agricultural local innovation and production systems**. The successful candidate is expected to contribute to a project named “Future Rural Africa: Future-making and social-ecological transformation” funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). The position involves fieldwork, data collection, and analysis of data on Local Production and Innovation Systems (LIPS) in the horticultural sector in Southern Africa. Expected outputs include a research report documenting the analysis and results, publication of peer-reviewed articles, as well as contributing to the overall activities of the Research Chair (e.g. organising seminars and conferences, as well as contributing to supervisory and teaching activities).

Qualifications

Applicants should hold a Ph.D. degree awarded within the last 5 years in the field of innovation studies, applied economics, development studies, agricultural economics, science and technology studies or related disciplines. Proven experience in qualitative research, interviews, and exceptional analytical skills are required. The successful candidate will have a strong focus on publishing in international peer-reviewed journals. The ability to work independently and as part of a dynamic research team that is internationally engaged through interdisciplinary research collaborations will be essential. Experience working in multi-country international projects and experience conducting research in Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and/or Zimbabwe would be an advantage.

Application process

Please submit your electronic application including: a motivation letter, CV, transcripts/certificates, list of publications, and a publication sample where you are the sole or lead author, as well as a list of referees in a single PDF to be submitted to [Ms.Mogotsi](#) at ujtrcti@uj.ac.za

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