



## **POST DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE** **Department of Religion Studies**

The University of the Free State (UFS) invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for a postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Religion Studies. Candidates interested in pursuing an academic or professional career in research, with particular research interests in African Christianity, African Indigenous Religions and Inter-religious Dialogue are encouraged to apply.

The fellowship will enable an outstanding doctoral graduate to obtain research and innovative experience at a higher education institution under the mentorship of established researchers.

The fellowship is awarded on a competitive basis, considering the applicants' academic achievements, publication outputs and research potential, as well as the relevance of prior experience and expertise in the fields of African Christianity, African Indigenous Religions and Inter-religious Dialogue. The fellowship is available for one year and renewable for up to three years, subject to satisfactory performance.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- ✓ Open to all South African and foreign nationals for full-time research at the University of the Free State.
- ✓ Graduated with a PhD degree in a relevant discipline within the last five years.
- ✓ Successful applicants may not hold full-time salaried employment during the fellowship
- ✓ Successful applicants must be able to relocate to the UFS for the duration of the fellowship. This is a residential fellowship: the successful applicant is required to spend 80% of her/his postdoctoral period at the UFS.

### **THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE REQUIRED TO:**

- ✓ Conduct innovative research in the following areas: African Christianity, African Indigenous Religions and Inter-religious Dialogue.
- ✓ Assist the department with teaching a module or two if required.
- ✓ Author/co-author at least **three (3)** publication outputs per year in the form of DHET– accredited scholarly journal articles or books/chapters in books. The renewal of the fellowship beyond the first year depends on satisfactory performance and submitting an annual progress report.
- ✓ Initiate projects and seek funding for them
- ✓ Register and reside as a postdoctoral research fellow at the UFS and participate in relevant activities of the Centre for Graduate Support and the Directorate of Research.

### **VALUE OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

- ✓ R 240 000 annual fellowship

- ✓ R 30 000 additional research expenses fund

To apply, please **email** the following certified documentation by 30 January 2024 to Ms Ronel Ellis at [ellisrj@ufs.ac.za](mailto:ellisrj@ufs.ac.za)

***NB: Please include “Postdoctoral Fellowship DIRAP\_Initials and Surname” in your subject line.***

- ✓ Motivation letter,
- ✓ including a 1-2 page outline of relevant expertise and experience
- ✓ Full CV including a list of research publications, conference papers and other scholarly output
- ✓ Full transcripts of academic record and copy of doctoral degree certificate
- ✓ Copy of ID document (or copy of passport in the case of foreign applicants)
- ✓ Contact details of two academic referees who have taught/supervised the applicant/candidate.

**Closing date: 30 January 2024**

**Commencement of fellowship:** 1 March 2024 or as soon as possible hereafter.

Enquiries:

For enquiries, please contact Prof J Mokhoathi ([mokhoathij@ufs.ac.za](mailto:mokhoathij@ufs.ac.za))

General:

The University reserves the right not to fill the post. The University subscribes to and applies the principles prescribed by the Employment Equity Act. Preference will be given to candidates from the designated groups, in accordance with the principles of the aforementioned act and the employee profile of the specific department/division.