



## **POST DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE**

The University of the Free State (UFS) invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for a postdoctoral fellowship in Religion, Community and Ecology(ies). The postdoctoral research fellow will be situated in the Dean's office and assist with an existing team of academics to establish a research centre.

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

The fellowship is awarded on a competitive basis, taking into account the applicants' academic achievements, publication outputs and research potential, as well as the relevance of prior experience and expertise. The fellowship is available for a period of one year, 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 if 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: Religion and Development.
- ✓ 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 the submission of an annual progress report.
- ✓ Initiate projects and seek funding for them

Register and reside as 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 270 000 annual fellowship
- ✓ R 30 000 additional research expenses fund

To apply, please **email** the following documentation by **22 November 2024** to The Office Manager, Mammuso Matshitse, at [MatshitseRM@ufs.ac.za](mailto:MatshitseRM@ufs.ac.za)

- ✓ 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 candidate.

Closing date: **22 November 2024**

Commencement of fellowship: **02 January 2025**

For enquiries, please contact **Mammuso Matshitse on 051 401 2667**