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POSTDOCTORAL 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 the Department of Education Studies on the Bloemfontein Campus, specifically in early-year education research, led by Prof Chinedu Okeke.

Candidates with a doctoral degree in Education, preferably with expertise in educational research, measurement, evaluation, and foundations of education, are encouraged to apply.

Candidates with proven research expertise in the design, collection, and analysis of quantitative data and mixed-research data will have an added advantage. Candidates with expertise in the application of the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) are preferred. The successful candidate will be required to conduct innovative research and obtain evidence-based empirical data on the educational development of children from zero up to ten years. Experience in postgraduate supervision will be an added advantage.

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 of the Free State, Bloemfontein Campus.
- Graduated with a PhD degree in a relevant discipline within the past 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 85% of their postdoctoral period at the UFS.

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE REQUIRED TO:

- conduct innovative research and obtain evidence-based empirical data on the educational development of children from zero up to ten years;
- 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 School of Postgraduate Studies and the Directorate of Research.

VALUE OF THE FELLOWSHIP

- R220 000 annual fellowship
- R30 000 additional research-expenses fund

To apply, please **email** the following documentation by **31 December 2021** to the email address below.

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

Closing date: 15 December 2021

Commencement of fellowship: 1 March 2022

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