

# SARChI Chair in Higher Education and Human Development Research Programme

*Researching well-being, agency and structures of inequalities*

## 2020 DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

**CLOSING DATE- 31 OCTOBER 2019**

### BACKGROUND

The SARChI Chair in Higher Education and Human Development Research Programme (HEHD) at the University of the Free State invites applications from qualified, motivated and talented candidates for doctoral fellowships. In HEHD we conduct theoretical and empirical research into human development applied to the challenges of social justice in higher education and development, in collaboration with international partners. Under the leadership of Professor Melanie Walker, SARChI Chair in Higher Education and Human Development, HEHD undertakes a suite of mixed methods research projects and graduate research. Ideally, Doctoral Research Fellows will have an interest and expertise at Masters or Honours level in education and development, development studies, higher education studies or a related discipline such as philosophy, historical studies, politics, sociology or social psychology. The 2020 fellowship will enable up to three outstanding doctoral students to obtain experience of doing their own research with a vibrant research group. The fellowship is available for three-years, subject to satisfactory performance for the title registration of the fellow's doctoral study.

**Proposals for the 2020 fellowships must address one of the following higher education themes:**

- 1) Education and equalities, especially the impact of schooling backgrounds on university access, participation and labour market opportunities
- 2) Epistemic justice and the transformation of higher education
- 3) Decoloniality in the higher education space

We welcome students interested in participatory methods, as well as qualitative and quantitative methods.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Fellowship is open to all South African and foreign nationals for full-time research at the University of the Free State. Prospective fellow's need to meet the following criteria: 1. Graduated with a Master's degree in a relevant discipline within the last five years and a minimum average grade of 70%. 2. Successful applicants may not hold full-time salaried employment during the fellowship. 3. As this is a residential fellowship, successful applicants must be able to relocate to the UFS for the duration of the fellowship. 4. Applicants will be required to complete the online TALPS test prior to being offered a place. 5. Applicants may also need to provide a SAQA verification certificate.

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE REQUIRED TO: 1. Conduct doctoral research on human development and higher education. 2. Author/co-author at one (1) publication over the three years in the form of a DHET-accredited scholarly journal article or chapter in a book. 3. Successfully complete title registration by the end of the first year. 4. Register and reside as a full-time doctoral research fellow at the UFS and participate in relevant HEHD activities and the School of Postgraduate Studies 5. Participate in research training, master classes and seminars. 6. Draft chapters and meet regularly with his/her supervisor. 7. Present papers at relevant local and international scholarly conferences and at HEHD seminars and workshops.

### TO APPLY

Please email the following documentation to Prof Melanie Walker- Email: [walkermj@ufs.ac.za](mailto:walkermj@ufs.ac.za)

1. Motivation letter
2. A 6-10 page outline of your proposed doctoral research including aim, research questions, and a preliminary literature review
3. CV including any research publications, conference papers and grants
4. Transcripts of academic record and copy of Master's degree certificate
5. Copy of ID document (or copy of passport in the case of foreign applicants)
6. Contact details of two academic referees who have taught/supervised the candidate.

**Please include "Doctoral Fellowship HEHD" in your subject line.**

### VALUE OF THE FELLOWSHIP

R 180,000 annual fellowship (Note that registration fees are deducted annually), which includes R 30,000 for research expenses.

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