

SARChI Chair in Higher Education and Human Development Research Programme

Researching well-being, agency and structures of inequalities

DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CALL FOR PHD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS (2022)

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 scholarships. 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 conducted research in education and development, development studies, higher education studies or a related discipline such as philosophy, politics, and sociology for their Masters or Honours degree. The 2022 research areas may include, but are not limited to:

- Inclusion/exclusion in African Higher education
- International Student Mobility
- Refugees in Higher Education
- University and Community Collaborations
- Educational Technology in Higher Education
- Participatory Methods in Higher Education Research
- Private higher education in Africa- comparative perspectives

The scholarship is available for three-years; two (2) candidates will be selected, subject to satisfactory performance for the title registration of the doctoral study.

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 fellows 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. Successful applicants must be able to relocate to the UFS for the duration of the fellowship. 4. Applicants may also need to provide a SAQA verification certificate.

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THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE REQUIRED TO: 1. Conduct doctoral research on human development and higher education. 2. 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

TO APPLY

Please email the following documentation by **29 October 2021** to Dr. Faith Mkwanzani- Email: mkwanzaniwf@ufs.ac.za

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

Please include "Doctoral Scholarship HEHD" in your subject line.

VALUE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

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