

POST DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

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POST DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE – BLOEMFONTEIN, SOUTH AFRICA

The University of the Free State (UFS) invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for a postdoctoral fellowship in the Division of Student Affairs. Candidates interested in pursuing an academic or professional career in student development within a higher education context, are especially encouraged to apply.

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

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.
- ✓ A successfully completed PhD 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 on student development, with a specific focus on cocurricular programmes and supportive environments at the UFS.
- ✓ Author/co-author at least three (3) publication outputs per year in the form of peer reviewed 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.
- ✓ Register and reside as postdoctoral research fellow at the UFS and participate in relevant activities of the Division of Student Affairs and the Directorate of Research Development.

VALUE OF THE FELLOWSHIP

- ✓ R 240,000 annual fellowship
- ✓ R 30,000 additional research expenses fund

To apply, please **email** the following documentation by **31 January 2024** to Dr WP Wahl: <u>WahlWP@ufs.ac.za</u>

- ✓ 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: 31 January 2024 Commencement of fellowship: 1 March 2024

For enquiries please contact Dr WP Wahl E: <u>WahlWP@ufs.ac.za</u>