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COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS (3 POSTS)

(THREE x FIVE YEAR FIXED TERM APPOINTMENTS)

Mellon funded UKZN Spatial Humanities Project

HOWARD COLLEGE/PIETERMARITZBURG/EDGEWOOD CAMPUSES

REFERENCE NUMBER: HUM01/2019

The College of Humanities (CHUM) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) seeks to employ three humanities scholars for the position of Post-Doctoral Fellow for a multi-disciplinary project on Spatial Humanities funded by the Mellon Foundation. The applicants need to show a distinct interest and passion to work in a highly interdisciplinary/transdisciplinary collaborative environment and have a strong critical background in one or more of the Humanities disciplines (Arts, History, Literature, Anthropology, History, Sociology or Architecture) and/or related human geography and geographic information science disciplines, with strong computational skills. Applicants should have strong research and writing skills and, should be ideally published already. Ideally, applicants should be familiar with one or more of the skills/competencies shown below, or able to show evidence that they are able to rapidly acquire the training below.

- GIS, ARCGIS, WEBGIS, QGIS
- Python Essentials/ Python for QGIS
- Spatially Modelling

Successful applicants will be expected to work with a large team of scholars, post-doctoral fellows and postgraduate students as well as stakeholders from other research institutes, civil society and community based members. While the exact portfolio entailed by the Fellowship will be communicated, applicants are expected;

- To be robustly involved in specific areas and aspects of the Project,
- To offer a termly seminar based on their work
- To engage with a cohort of Masters/Doctoral students
- To research and publish in in the area of Spatial Humanities

More specifically, key responsibilities of the Post-Doctoral fellow include:

- Contributing to the sustainable growth of the research programme portfolio;
- Publishing scholarly journal articles, book chapters, policy and research briefs;

- Supporting the development of contacts and relationships with colleagues in academic institutions, government organizations and the wider research community;
- Supporting effective participation in multidisciplinary research teams and partnerships;
- Assisting with proposals and grant applications to undertake funded research;
- Assisting in delivering research within specified budgets and to deadline;
- Assisting in mentoring interns and research assistants;
- Supporting initiatives to promote the strategic objectives for the Spatial Humanities project;
- Contributing to discussion in the college of humanities and the various schools around spatial humanities issues.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: POST DOCTORAL FELLOW

- Applicants need to have completed the PhD no more than 6 years ago
- A filled and signed Application Form; Certified copies of the MA/PhD Degrees
- A detailed recent curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Letter of motivation indicating suitability for position and area of specialisation and your understanding of Spatial Humanities;
- Example of single-authored academic work
- Certified copies of the Masters and Doctoral Degrees;

Appointments will be three - five-year contract positions

This appointment will be made in line with the University Guidelines/benchmarks which are available on the University Vacancies website

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Appointment to this post will be on the January 2018 Conditions of Service.

The monthly salary is R15 000 and there is additionally a travel grant of R 20 000 to facilitate conference travel

The closing date for receipt of applications is 22 February 2019

Applicants are required to complete the relevant application form which is available on the Vacancies website at www.ukzn.ac.za

Completed forms may be sent to recruitment-humanities@ukzn.ac.za

Please state the advert reference number in your subject line