



POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE JUST TRANSITION

As part of both the Wits Centennial postdoc programme and the University's focus on climate change, we are seeking recent PhD graduates to fill postdoctoral research fellowships located in the five University faculties. These fellowships will pursue research projects within the broad field of climate change.

The University wishes to support postdoctoral research that is focussed both on the physical science aspects of climate change and on the social and economic factors that relate to the concept of a 'just transition'. The University is especially looking to support research that takes an inter-disciplinary and trans-disciplinary approach. The duration of the fellowships is two years, renewed annually based on performance and progress. The value of the fellowship is R 300 000 per annum plus medical aid and a small contribution towards research costs.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

1. PhD degree obtained within the last 5 years
2. A track record of publishing research findings
3. Have secured the support of a Wits academic as a host for the fellowship
4. Have experience in research on climate change, just transition, sustainability and/or inequality, or the intersection of these themes
5. Have strong English proficiency

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Experience with Research in African countries or other regions of the Global South would be advantageous:

DUTIES AND EXPECTATIONS

1. Undertake focused research leading to publications in high-quality international journals or similar publication channels.
2. Undertake innovation activities where possible. Our definition of innovation is broad and essentially includes producing impact from research findings.

PROPOSALS SHOULD BE BRIEF (5-15 PAGES) BUT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Research focus and background
- Research problem
- Research question/s
- Research aim
- Merit of the research and proposed contribution to the field
- Proposed research methodology
- Research plan
- Letter of support from a supervisor/academic reference

HOST SUPERVISOR LETTER

- It is important to note that you will be required to identify a host supervisor yourself prior to submitting your application (should you require assistance, please feel free to contact your relevant department or the Wits Research Office).

WITS SUPPORTS EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.

CONTACT AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Send your CV, a proposal and a letter from your host supervisor to Tash Bodhi – tashveer.bodhi@wits.ac.za, with the subject line 'Post Doc Fellowship Application: Climate Change and the Just Transition' by 30 April 2025

