



# WITS UNIVERSITY

## Research Office Postdoctoral Fellowship

### OPEN CALL 2026

#### Programme Overview

The University Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme offers prestigious opportunities for emerging scholars who have obtained their PhD within the last five years. These highly competitive fellowships support exceptional early-career researchers in pursuing innovative research while contributing to our vibrant academic community.

#### Value of Fellowship

- **This is a fellowship for 24 months**
- Stipend: R320,000 per annum
- Cost of Living Topup: R20,000 per annum
- Research Cost Allowance: R10,000 per annum (on application)

#### Application Process

This is an open call for applications. Applicants must complete the following:

1. Identify a host who works in your area of specialisation and has capacity to host a postdoctoral fellow
2. Identify a research project with your host
3. Prepare a research project proposal which includes the following:
  - A background to the study (1000 words, including key literature)
  - A rationale (250 words)
  - Aims and objectives (300 words)
  - Research methodology (1000 words)
  - A gantt chart
4. Submit your application via this form: <https://forms.gle/bUNz3RD1iRbZDepo9>

#### Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for this competitive fellowship, applicants must meet ALL of the following criteria

**Hold a PhD degree obtained within the last five years, from a SAQA accredited institution**

**Be based in Johannesburg for the full duration of the fellowship and active at WITS**

**Commit to active engagement in campus activities and exemplify the WITS spirit**

**Application Deadline: 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2026**