



POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Office of the Dean, Faculty of Law, University of the Free State

The Office of the Dean at the Faculty of Law, University of the Free State invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for postdoctoral fellowships. Candidates interested in pursuing an academic career oriented to human rights in general and disability rights in particular and whose research relates to human rights and their relationship with transformation are encouraged to apply. The fellowship will enable outstanding doctoral graduates to obtain experience in research and innovation at a higher education institution under the mentorship of established researchers. The successful candidate will be required to conduct innovative interdisciplinary research and produce publications on any aspect of disability rights, human rights and transformation. 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. Particular weight will be attached to the extent to which applicants' medium-term research planning, their research focus, and their proposed research projects engage the theme of disability rights, inclusion and transformation, in particular in the areas of poverty and access to basic resources such as land, housing, food, water, education and healthcare; and political and democracy-related rights. 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 Africans and foreign nationals for full-time research at the University of the Free State (UFS).
- Graduated with a doctoral degree in human rights in general and disability rights in particular within the last 5 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 thus the successful applicant is required to spend 80% of her/his post-doctoral period at the UFS.

The successful candidate will be required to:

- Assist the disability rights unity in terms of research, administration and other tasks
- Work in collaboration with the dean's office when it comes to research, administration and other tasks
- Conduct interdisciplinary research on the relationship between disability rights, human rights and transformation.
- Collaborate around shared interdisciplinary themes related to disability rights, institutionally, nationally, and internationally.
- Assist in postgraduate supervision.
- Participate in teaching in the Faculty.
- Author/co-author at least 3 publication outputs per year in the form of DHET-accredited scholarly journal articles or books/chapters in books.
- Register and reside as a postdoctoral research fellow at the UFS and participate in relevant activities of the Faculty, the Free State Centre for Human Rights, School of Postgraduate Studies and the Directorate of Research Development.
- Prepare and present papers during seminars and other research events

Value of the fellowship

- R240 000 annual fellowship (not taxed).
- R30 000 additional research expenses fund (not taxed)

To apply, please e-mail the following documentation by 21 September 2024 to Dr Gerard Kamga at kamdengkamgaga@ufs.ac.za:

- Motivation letter, including a 1- to 2-page outline of relevant expertise and experience; and of the research project proposed for the fellowship.
- Full CV including a list of research publications, conference papers, and other scholarly outputs.
- Certified copies of full transcripts of academic records and of doctoral degree certificate.
- A Saqa Certificate for qualifications obtained outside South Africa
- Certified 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: 21 September 2024

Commencement: 1 October 2024, or as soon thereafter as possible.

For enquiries, please contact Dr Gerard Kamga (kamdengkamgaga@ufs.ac.za)

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