



FACULTY: INTERDISCIPLINARY

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

African Indigenous Knowledge Systems

Type: Postdoctoral research fellowship linked to the interdisciplinary research niche area of African Indigenous Knowledge Systems. The fellowships is a two-year fixed contract subject to satisfactory annual performance. The tax-free stipend is R300 000 per annum.

Introduction:

The University of Limpopo (UL) invites applications for Postdoctoral Research Fellowship positions in African Indigenous Knowledge Systems, hosted in the Faculty of Humanities. The successful fellow will work under the supervision of four professors in the following faculties: Faculty of Humanities, Faculty of Health Sciences, Faculty of Science and Agriculture and Faculty of Management and Law.

The Fellowship aims to strengthen the University's research and intellectual environment while providing structured postdoctoral training for recent doctoral graduates, supporting the development of advanced research skills, publication output, community-engaged scholarship, and preparation for academic careers.

Linked to SDG 10 (Reduce inequality within and among countries), the Fellowship seeks to expedite the realisation of African indigenous knowledge systems as pivotal in elevating the state of African knowledges in fields such as health, medicine, law, language to name a few. This will go a long way into bridging inequalities created by the hegemony of Western systems of knowledge. Thus, the Fellowship strives to underscore interdisciplinarity by linking various fields of African indigenous knowledges approached from multiple disciplinary angles.

Requirements:

- A PhD degree (NQF Level 10) in Indigenous knowledge systems and related disciplines completed within the last five (5) years.
- Evidence of research productivity including peer-reviewed publications.
- Strong written and oral communication skills, good computer and data management skills, and the ability to work independently and in interdisciplinary teams.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Conduct high-quality, interdisciplinary research

- Publish in DHET-accredited journals and peer-reviewed books.
- Contribute to community engagement projects
- Participate in empirical field work research in different settings
- Assist with postgraduate supervision and mentorship.
- Support grant proposal development and national and international collaborations.
- Contribute to policy briefs and knowledge translation outputs.
- Participate in seminars and activities that promote a strong research culture.
- Comply with research ethics, governance, and data management requirements.
- Attend academic fora and conferences as appropriate.
- Report writing

Expected outputs:

During the fellowship, the successful candidate will be expected to produce:

- At least 4 accredited journal publications over the two-year fellowship.
- Several conference presentations at national and international scientific meetings.
- At least one competitive external research grant application.
- Research reports for stakeholders.
- Contributions to postgraduate student supervision and capacity development.
- Collaborative publications with the host supervisor and research team.
- Participation in multidisciplinary research projects within the Faculty and University.

CLOSING DATE: 23RD OCTOBER 2026

Please submit motivation letter clearly outlining your suitability and proposed research agenda, a detailed CV with all your names, addresses, contact details and e-mail address and include contact numbers of three (3) referees, certified copies of all qualifications including Matric / Grade 12 Certificate, academic transcripts, copies of selected recent peer-reviewed publications and a South African ID/ Passport should be forwarded to Human Resources Officer, e-mail applications recruitment15@ul.ac.za

Telephonic enquiries regarding conditions of service: **Ms NA Mbatsane (Tel 015 268 2800)**

It is the applicant's responsibility to have foreign obtained qualifications evaluated by the South African qualifications Authority. Please note that failure to submit the requested documents/information will result in your application not being considered.

The University of Limpopo is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All appointments will be made in accordance with University's Employment Equity Policy. Preference: **Postdoctoral Fellowship**, will be given to Males (African & Indian) and Female (African).

Correspondence will be limited to short-listed candidates only. Applicants who have not been contacted within 30 days of the closing date must consider their applicants as unsuccessful.

The University reserves the right not to make an appointment.

