



FACULTY: MULTIDISCIPLINARY

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Climate, Resilience and Adaptation

Type: Postdoctoral research fellowship linked to the multidisciplinary research niche area of Climate, Resilience and Adaptation (Climate Change Education and Sustainable Agricultural 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 is currently hosting a South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI) on climate change with a mandate of high-level research, innovation, human-capacity development, and policy engagement in sustainable agricultural and environmental systems. The initiative seeks to appoint Postdoctoral Research Fellow with expertise in the Agriculture and Science education. The candidate will engage in research on Climate change Curricular Integration, Transformative Teaching Strategies on climate change, Educator Support and Resources.

The successful candidate will contribute to interdisciplinary research at the interface of climate change, agriculture, and science education, with a particular focus on:

- Climate change curriculum integration in agricultural and science education;
- Transformative teaching and learning approaches for climate change education;
- Educator professional development, support, and resource development;
- Climate change adaptation and sustainability education;
- Community engagement and knowledge co-creation for societal impact.

This fellowship offers an excellent opportunity for an emerging researcher to work within a dynamic research environment while contributing to nationally and internationally relevant research.

Minimum Requirements:

- A PhD degree in Agricultural Education, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Sciences, Environmental Education or a closely related field.
- A recognised teaching qualification (e.g. Postgraduate Certificate in Education, Diploma in Education, or equivalent) will be an added advantage where applicable. Experience in qualitative and/or quantitative methods including data collection and analysis techniques.
- Proven publication record in peer-reviewed journals

- Evidence of participation in research, community engagement or knowledge transfer projects.
- Good academic writing, communication, and project management skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively in multidisciplinary research teams.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Conduct research related to the above-stated fields of study and aligned with the objectives of the SARChI Chair in Climate Change.
- Assist with the supervision and training of postgraduate students.
- Participate in the coordination of externally funded projects focusing on implementation, reporting, stakeholder engagements, etc.
- Participate in co-generation of information for demonstrable societal impact.
- Liaise with relevant government departments and major stakeholders to develop grant proposals and implement approved projects.
- Develop manuscripts and publish at least two papers in DHET-accredited journals and books per annum.
- Participate in conferences and workshop programmes.
- Contribute to grant proposal development and fundraising initiatives.
- Perform other research-related duties consistent with the objectives of the SARChI.

Desired attributes:

- A strong interest in climate change, sustainability, and education research.
 - Commitment to research excellence, innovation, and societal impact.
 - The ability to work independently while contributing effectively to collaborative research teams.

Strong interpersonal and stakeholder engagement skills.

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.

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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.

