



FACULTY: INTERDISCIPLINARY POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Food Nutrition and Health Security

Type: Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in the interdisciplinary research niche area of Food, Nutrition and Health Security. 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 one (1) Postdoctoral Research Fellowship position, hosted in the Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Human Nutrition and Dietetics. The fellow will work on projects related to Nutrition in early Childhood Development Centres and the National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP).

The Fellowship aim 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.

Requirements:

- Applicants must have a doctorate degree in Dietetics/Public Health Nutrition/Public Health or any discipline /sub-discipline related to the subject areas above
- Applicants must be within 5 years of completing their doctoral degree
- Applicants must be willing to travel and reside close to the University of Limpopo (Limpopo Province, South Africa)
- Applicants should have a research track record relevant to the opportunity (evidenced in publications) and be willing to work in multidisciplinary research environment(s), have a clear related research agenda focused on African challenges, and keen to develop a strong international standing and research reputation
- Applicants should have access to readily available research data, or able to collect and acquire such data, to accomplish the main tasks of the research agenda, and commitments and responsibilities during the fellowship
- Applicants must have good oral and written communication skills, computer literacy skills, and can add value to the academic culture of the University
- Eligible women are strongly encouraged to apply for these positions.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Lead research programmes in the research niche and work collaboratively with mentor in developing and executing innovative research projects/
- Secure grant funding for research projects and manage grant funding and resources.
- Build strong research alliance across the African continent
- Conduct research and publish research results in accredited Journals, write books and book chapters, write policy briefs and engage multiple stakeholders, disseminate knowledge through accredited conference engagements, as well as promoting research practice through internal colloquium, seminars, and workshops
- Participate in postgraduate student research supervision, and mentorship

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.

