



## DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

### BACKGROUND

The Centre for Research on Higher Education and Development (CRHED) at the University of the Free State invites applications from suitably qualified, highly motivated and talented candidates for doctoral fellowships. Candidates interested in pursuing an academic career in higher education studies or higher education and development are especially encouraged to apply. We conduct research into human development and the capabilities approach applied to the challenges of social justice in higher education and development, in collaboration with international partners.

Under the leadership of Professor Melanie Walker, SARChI Chair in Higher Education and Human Development, and Prof Merridy Wilson-Strydom, CRHED undertakes a suite of mixed methods research projects and graduate research. See <http://www.ufs.ac.za/crhed> for more information.

Ideally, Doctoral Research Fellows will have an interest and expertise at Masters or Honours level in education and development, development studies, higher education studies or a related discipline such as education policy, diversity studies, philosophy, historical studies, political science, sociology or social psychology. The fellowship will enable an outstanding doctoral student to obtain experience of research and innovation at a vibrant education research centre under the mentorship of established researchers.

A small number of fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis, taking into account the applicants' academic achievements, publications and research potential, as well as the relevance of prior experience. The fellowship is available for three-years, subject to satisfactory performance for the title registration of the Fellow's doctoral study.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Fellowship is open to all South African and foreign nationals for **full-time research at the University of the Free State**. Prospective Fellow's need to meet the following criteria:

1. Graduated with a Master's degree in a relevant discipline within the last five years and a minimum average grade of 70%.
2. Successful applicants may not hold full-time salaried employment during the fellowship.
3. Successful applicants must be able to relocate to the UFS for the duration of the fellowship. This is a residential fellowship: the successful applicant is required to spend 80% of her/his doctoral period at the UFS.

### THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE REQUIRED TO:

1. Conduct innovative doctoral research on human development and higher education.
2. Author/co-author at least one (1) publication over the three years in the form of a DHET-accredited scholarly journal article or chapter in a book. The renewal of the fellowship beyond the first year depends on title registration and satisfactory progress.
3. Register and reside as a doctoral research fellow at the UFS and participate in relevant activities of the CRHED and School of Postgraduate Studies
4. Participate in CRHED research training, master classes and Seminars.
5. Draft chapters and meet regularly with his/her supervisor.
6. Present papers at relevant local and international scholarly conferences Present at seminars and workshops organised by CRHED.

### VALUE OF THE FELLOWSHIP

R 150,000 annual fellowship (Note that registration fees are deducted annually)

R 30,000 annual additional research expenses fund

To apply, please email the following documentation to Prof Merridy Wilson-Strydom, Email: [wilsonstrydommg@ufs.ac.za](mailto:wilsonstrydommg@ufs.ac.za)

1. Motivation letter for joining CRHED
2. A 4-6 page outline of your proposed doctoral research
3. Full CV including any research publications, conference papers and grants
4. Full transcripts of academic record and copy of Master's degree certificate
5. Copy of ID document (or copy of passport in the case of foreign applicants)
6. Contact details of two **academic** referees who have taught/supervised the candidate.

Please include  
"Doctoral Fellowship CRHED"  
in your subject line.

**APPLICATIONS FOR 2018 CLOSE 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

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