



ALL AFRICA HOUSE

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: ALL AFRICA HOUSE FELLOWSHIPS

FOR THE PERIOD 15 March – 15 June 2017

Deadline for Submission of Applications: 19 January 2017

1. Call for Applications

All Africa House (AAH)¹ is offering five fellowships to five young or mid-career² Africa-based academics with a good academic record to come to the University of Cape Town (UCT) and **develop their courses and teaching materials and/or write up completed research for publication**. The fellowships are tenable for 3 months. Successful applicant(s) will be required to take up the fellowship from 15 March to 15 June 2017. The Fellows will be hosted by All Africa House in collaboration with senior academic members of staff in the different faculties of the University.

2. Objectives of the Fellowship Programme

The Objectives of the programme are to:

- (a) Contribute to the intellectual and broad social development of young academics on the African Continent;
- (b) promote research and capacity building in universities on the Continent;
- (c) provide the Fellow with an opportunity to write and publish, and to benefit from the intellectual dynamism of UCT's Faculties, as well as from the University's relatively extensive library resources;
- (d) provide the Fellow with the opportunity to develop courses and teaching materials and/or write up research under the eye of a senior academic at UCT;
- (e) facilitate the Fellow's engagement with UCT's intellectual community about his or her work through presentation of seminars at AAH or in his/her host faculty;

¹All Africa House is an academic visitor's residence at the UCT. It is designed to provide self-catering accommodation in a scholarly environment. The intellectual life of AAH includes public seminars that are convened by the Warden of the House. The Warden is an academic at the University.

²This means a scholar who has less than 5 years of experience as a university teacher.

- (f) provide the Fellow with opportunities to interact and network with both national and international visiting scholars residing in AAH;
- (g) foster interaction between UCT academics and their counterparts from other African countries, with a view to learning more about each other's educational systems, teaching and research environments; and
- (h) to address two of the many challenges facing teachers and researchers in African universities: the serious problem of resources and capacity to develop courses and teaching material, and the lack of opportunities for academics to write and publish.

3. Purposes of the Programme

The fellowships have been established to enable the Fellow to:

- (a) develop courses and teaching materials; and/or
- (b) write up completed research for publication.

4. Eligibility

Only applications submitted by the following academics at African universities outside of South Africa will be considered:

- (a) A young or mid-career teacher in the employment of the home university who has less than 5 years of experience as a university teacher, with good academic record and a minimum qualification of a Master Degree;
- (b) a national of the country of the home university; and
- (c) a person whose area of work falls in one of the areas of work of UCT hosts listed in paragraph 10.

5. Criteria (a-c)

(a) **All** of the applicant's Head of Department, Dean and Head of Institution (Principal/Vice Chancellor) must confirm the following in a letter signed by all of them (the signature of only one or two of these authorities will not suffice) or in a separate letter by each of them:

- (i) The employment of the applicant as an academic staff member in the university;
- (ii) the applicant's availability (if awarded the fellowship) to participate in the programme in the period advertised;
- (iii) that the applicant's teaching and research fall in one of the areas of work of UCT Hosts listed in paragraph 10; and
- (iv) that the applicant, if awarded the fellowship, will return to his/her employment at the home institution at the end of the fellowship.

(b) The applicant must:

- (i) Submit a curriculum vitae.

- (ii) Indicate the purpose for which the fellowship is applied (i.e. developing courses and teaching materials and/or writing up completed research for publication.
- (iii) Indicate his/her area of teaching, which must correspond with one of the areas of work of UCT hosts listed in paragraph 10, e.g. philosophy of mathematics, political science, labour law.
- (iv) Provide a written motivation (not exceeding 500 words) why he/she should be awarded the fellowship.
- (v) Submit a summary/abstract (not exceeding 300 words) of the research he/she intends to write up, as the case may be.
- (vi) Submit a statement **signed** by the Head of Department, Dean and Head of the institution in terms of paragraph 5 (a) above. The statement must be on the university's letter head and bear the date stamp of the university.
- (vii) Provide a written indication (not exceeding 200 words) of the number of previous overseas trips and the nature of academic work undertaken during those trips.
- (viii) Provide two **signed** reports of referees, one of whom must be an academic at his/her home institution.

(c) Successful applicants must live in AAH or an alternative accommodation arranged by AAH for the entire duration of the fellowship.

AAH does not provide accommodation to a family member(s) of the Fellow in AAH or elsewhere.

NB: Incomplete applications will not be considered

6. Assessment of Applications

The assessment of applications is made on academic merit by a selection committee, which has discretion to consider other relevant factors. The decision of the selection committee is final.

7. Requirements of the Programme (a-c)

(a) The Fellow will be required to:

- (i) Present a seminar on any aspect of his/her work in the AAH series of seminars (see note 1) or, with prior arrangement between the academic host and the Warden of All Africa House, in the host Faculty.
- (ii) Interact with the Warden of AAH in meetings arranged by the Warden from time to time.
- (iii) Prepare a written report of his/her work during his/her fellowship, and provide a written evaluation of the programme. The report and evaluation must be submitted to the Warden of AAH one week before the end of the fellowship and departure from UCT.

(iv) Send a letter to the Warden of AAH, confirming his or her return to the home institution at the end of the fellowship. The letter must be signed by the Fellow's Head of Department or Dean of his/her Faculty.

(b) The Role of UCT Faculties:

The Fellowships are offered in collaboration with UCT faculties through senior academics who volunteer to act as hosts to the fellows for the purposes of their academic work. The role of the host is two-fold:

- (i) To enhance the Fellow's work while at UCT by providing him/her with guidance (tips) in writing and publishing or the development of courses and teaching materials, as the case may be. This is not expected to be an onerous supervisory role, but rather a collegial mentoring.
- (ii) To provide the selection committee with a written assessment of the merits of the application of the candidate(s) whose application(s) fall in his/her field(s) of work.

(c) Home Institution

The commitment of the Fellow's home institution is critical to the success of the fellowship programme. These institutions will be invited to participate and commit to the programme with regard to the selection and return of the fellows to their institutions at the end of the fellowship (see paragraph 5 above).

8. Funding

The fellowship programme is funded by the strategic fund of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town. The fellowship covers the following expenses:

- (a) Single self-catering accommodation in AAH. Breakfast will be provided in the AAH Dining Room;
- (b) medical insurance cover for international visitors;
- (c) subsistence allowance of R372 per day;
- (d) return airfare; and
- (e) printing and photocopying (for fellowship business), and freight upon departure from UCT to the home country at the end of the fellowship.
- (f) **Please note that if you are in breach of paragraph 5 (C), or you leave the programme before it ends, UCT may require you to refund the full cost or part of the cost of your selection and participation in the programme.**

9. Administration of the Fellowship Programme

AAH offers and administers the All Africa House Fellowships. The Warden is responsible for the administration of the Fellowship Programme.

AAH also accommodates the fellows for the entire duration of the fellowship, and provides a communal computer laboratory to the fellows as to other residents in the House.

10. List of UCT Academic Hosts: 15 March – 15 June 2017

NAME	FACULTY/DEPT	DISCIPLINE/AREA OF RESEARCH
1. Dr. Alvaro de la Cruz-Dombriz	Science	Mathematics and Applied Mathematics. Cosmology and Gravity Group.
2. A/Prof Hussein Suleman & Colleagues UCT ICT4D Centre	Science	ICT for Development / Computer Science
3. A/Prof Lillian Artz	Health Sciences	Gender, Health and Justice Research Unit, Forensic Medicine Division
4. A/Prof Muthama Muasya	Biological Sciences	Angiosperm Systematics.
5. Professor Wallace Chigona	Computer Science	(a)ICTs (b)Impact of ICTS on Human Development
6. Prof Les Underhill	Science (Statistics)	Animal Demography, Biodiversity, Informatics and Citizen Science
7. Dr Christopher Ouma, Prof Meg Samuelson and Prof Harry Garuba	Humanities	African literary studies, African Diaspora studies, African popular cultures, Gender and Generation, Oceanic & Littoral Africa, Environmental Studies City cultures

11. Application Deadline

Completed applications must be submitted in soft copy format as a separate attachment via email to Christian Zenim, email christianzenim@gmail.com on or before **19 January 2017** with copy to patrick.rezandt@uct.ac.za

Only in the event of mailing failure to these addresses for whatever reason should the application be submitted to chuma.himonga@uct.ac.za

Where a signature is required the document concerned must be signed and the signature page scanned. The successful applicant must present original copies of all documents requiring a signature to the Warden of AAH upon taking up the fellowship.