

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS TENABLE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA

INTRODUCTION

The University of Pretoria regards itself as a research intensive university. Hence, it is seeking a candidate for postdoctoral research who will make a significant contribution to its research endeavour. As part of South Africa's contribution to the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan, the University of Pretoria has made funds available for one postdoctoral scholarship for a citizen coming from a Commonwealth Country (excluding South African citizens). This scholarship will be known as the *University of Pretoria Commonwealth Postdoctoral Scholarship* and will be awarded on a competitive basis.

The University of Pretoria has established a reputation for academic excellence, particularly in relation to some of its major research activities. Information about these research activities can be obtained from the website of the University (<http://web.up.ac.za/default.asp?ipkCategoryID=1630>) and from the 2006 Research report (<http://web.up.ac.za/research/2006/PDF/index.htm>).

1. Eligibility

- The *Postdoctoral Scholarship* will be awarded to a *citizen* from a Commonwealth Country other than South Africa.
- The Postdoctoral Commonwealth Scholar must conduct his/her research at the University of Pretoria.
- Applicants must have completed their doctoral studies no longer than five years prior to their application for the *Postdoctoral Scholarship*.
- Applicants must not be older than 35 years of age at time of application.
- Doctoral students *currently* registered at the University of Pretoria are not eligible for the *University of Pretoria Commonwealth Postdoctoral Scholarship*.

2. Value of Doctoral Scholarship

The value of this Doctoral Scholarship will be R 150 000 per annum.

3. Period of support

The maximum period of support will be for two calendar years.

4. Application Procedure

In order to be considered for this scholarship, candidates must submit the following documentation to the University of Pretoria;

- An agreement in principle from a suitable academic supervisor at the University that the candidate can work in their research group.
- Provide an outline (one A4 page), of the research work that they wish to undertake
- Complete and sign a Postdoctoral Fellowship Application Form. (***Obtainable on request via e-mail from the consultants below***).
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) – no more than 4 pages
- 2 Letters of reference from Academics/Supervisors at the Doctoral level who have *current* knowledge of the applicant's academic performance. Referees

should be asked to comment on the following aspects of the candidates qualities:

- Their past academic performance
- Their research ability as evidenced by their doctoral studies
- Their suitability for the study that is proposed
- Their potential in the chosen field of postdoctoral studies.

Required documentation should be submitted together with the **Postdoctoral Fellowship Application Form** to one of the Specialist Consultants at the Client Service Centre and to the proposed supervisor:

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5. Terms and Conditions

Support for the second year will be subject to *submission of a progress report three months before the end of the first year of the scholarship.*

6. Selection Criteria

Award of this scholarship will be based on:

- Academic performance of the candidate.
- Potential to undertake advanced research activities.
- Leadership qualities.
- Evidence of research accomplishment at the doctoral level by means of publications or other appropriate products of the work undertaken.
- Prizes and honours received.

Selection of the candidates for these scholarships will be done by the University's Postdoctoral Fellowships Committee.

The successful applicant will be informed by e-mail and official letter of acceptance. Candidates, who have not received written notification within six weeks of the closing date, must please contact the Client Service Centre.

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8 Closing Date

The closing date for the 2008 Academic year is 14 January 2008.