



WITS UNIVERSITY

Research Office Postdoctoral Fellow

2nd Open Call 2026

Programme Overview

The Wits Research Office Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme offers prestigious opportunities for emerging scholars who have obtained their PhD within the last five years. These highly competitive fellowships support exceptional early-career researchers in pursuing innovative research while contributing to our vibrant academic community. We are particularly interested in attracting first-time postdoctoral fellows in this open call.

Value of Fellowship

- This is a fellowship for 24 months
- Stipend: R320,000 per annum
- Cost of Living Topup: R20,000 per annum
- Research Cost Allowance: R10,000 per annum (on application)

Application Process

Applicants must complete the following:

1. Identify a host who works in your area of specialisation and has capacity to host a postdoctoral fellow
2. Identify a research project with your host
3. Prepare a research project proposal which includes the following:
 - A background to the study (1000 words, including key literature)
 - A rationale (250 words)
 - Aims and objectives (300 words)
 - Research methodology (1000 words)
 - A gantt chart
4. Submit your application via this link:
<https://forms.gle/UJgVxEmgmarB83su5>

Eligibility Requirements

PhD within the last 5 years for which you already have SAQA accreditation if awarded outside of SA

Be based in Johannesburg for the full duration of the fellowship and active at WITS

Commit to active engagement in campus activities and exemplify the WITS spirit

Application Deadline: 15th of August 2026