



## **Postdoctoral fellowships for research in the field of global change 2013 - 2014**

As part of the activities of the Global Change and Sustainability Research Institute at the University of the Witwatersrand, applications for a limited number of postdoctoral fellowships are invited.

The Carnegie Foundation of New York funds these positions with a view to create a new generation of academics that are equipped to deal with the broad social, natural, legal and economic challenges of global change in Africa.

Applications will be evaluated on a competitive basis using the following criteria:

1. Academic excellence. A proven publication record and/or peer recognition of achievements would be considered as supporting evidence.
2. Novelty. The research project should clearly demonstrate novelty in its approach to research in the global change field. Envisaged outputs should be appropriate for publication in high-impact international journals, and/or other similar high profile, visible outputs.
3. Interdisciplinarity. Applicants have to show that they understand the interdisciplinary nature of the global change challenge, and that they have access to, or will develop, appropriate support networks for this type of research.

Electronic applications are preferred and should be sent to [barend.erasmus@wits.ac.za](mailto:barend.erasmus@wits.ac.za).

A complete application consists of:

1. A complete CV with names and contact details of at least two referees.
2. Confirmation from the postdoc host at Wits, to host the applicant.
3. A concept note (maximum 5 pages) on the proposed research, containing a rationale, aims & objectives, methods, outcomes and key references.

The deadline for applications is 31 May 2013. Postdoctoral fellowships are worth R230 000 per year, commencing in July 2013. Postdoc hosts are expected to contribute to project running costs where needed. Successful applicants will be expected to attend and contribute to seminars, workshops and discussions on various global change issues. Wits retains the right not to make an award.