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Postdoctoral Fellowship

South African Research Chair in 'Local Histories and Present Realities'

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Applications are invited for a two-year postdoctoral fellowship as part of the research programme 'Local Histories and Present Realities', located in the History Workshop at the University of the Witwatersrand. The programme supports an active community of postgraduate students and researchers and regularly hosts seminars, book launches, reading groups, workshops and conferences. It is funded through National Research Foundation South African Research Chairs Initiative and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

The core aim of the programme is to contend with the complexities of the relationship between the past and present-day realities by focusing on the 'local' as a prism through which larger socio-political and historical processes can be illuminated. Its main geographical horizon is small or intermediate towns and their rural hinterlands in the North West, Limpopo, Gauteng, Mpumalanga and Free State Provinces.

The project is interdisciplinary and welcomes applications from emerging scholars with distinguished academic records who have obtained PhDs in the fields of history, political studies, sociology, social anthropology and other relevant disciplines in the humanities.

The fellowship will be awarded to a South African citizen or permanent resident and the programme is committed to active transformation.

Successful candidates will receive a package of R187000 pa, medical aid cover and a separate research budget.

Required experience and skills

- PhD
- Ability or potential to provide postgraduate supervision

To apply please submit the following:

1. A detailed and up to date CV.
2. An example of any recent written/published work.
3. Names and contact details (including email addresses) of 2 referees.
4. Certified copies of degrees.
5. A covering letter detailing the proposed research focus and how that might fit into this initiative.

For further information please contact the Administrator, Mrs Zahn Gowar, email: zahn.gowar@wits.ac.za, tel: +27 11 7174291.

Closing date: 31 September 2016

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