

Call for applications for Full Time PhD bursaries

Resilience and Spatial Justice in South Africa's Built Environment: Generating Interdisciplinary Transformative Knowledge

Resilience and spatial justice in the built environment has implications at various scales and in different intensities of urban formations. This project encourages prospective PhD applicants to articulate research topics that explore these critical themes in relation to space at different levels, from buildings through precincts to towns and cities, and also in relation to rural villages, small towns through to metropolitan cities. Thus the project brings together and into conversation a variety of contexts and angles on the overarching question of resilience and spatial justice.

Crossing planning, urban design, architecture and sociology, this project focuses on PhD supervision, across 3 institutions, with a supervisory team as detailed below:

- Wits University's Centre for Urbanism and Built Environment Studies (in the School of Architecture and Planning)
 - Professor Marie Huchzermeyer (informal settlements, housing, justice, right to the city) marie.huchzermeyer@wits.ac.za
 - Dr Gerald Chungu (informal urbanism, production of the built environment , sustainability) gerald.chungu@wits.ac.za
 - Professor Sarah Charlton (low-income housing; informal settlements; livelihood strategies) sarah.charlton@wits.ac.za
 - Dr Ariane Janse van Rensburg (transformation of the architectural profession; architectural education; diverse spatial understandings) Ariane.JanseVanRensburg@wits.ac.za
- University of Venda's Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
 - Dr James Chakwizira (transportation dynamics, spatial transitions, justice) james.chakwizira@univen.ac.za
 - Dr Emaculate Ingwani (peri-urbanity, expansion of small rural towns, land, informal settlements) Emaculate.Ingwani@univen.ac.za
- Durban University of Technology's Urban Futures Centre
 - Professor Monique Marks (urban safety, drug-use and city spaces) moniquem@dut.ac.za
 - Dr Nomkhosi Gama (migrancy, hostel living) NomkhosiX@dut.ac.za
 - Dr Kira Erwin (urban identities, low-cost housing, space and social justice) kirae@dut.ac.za

The project endeavours to maximise space for creativity and innovation for the student cohort across the three institutions, providing a cohort of PhD candidates a networked learning context. Eight bursaries are available (3 at Wits University, 2 at University of Venda, 3 at Durban University of Technology), each valued at **R120 000 per year for three years**.

To apply, please submit the following to Anisa Desai anisa.desai@wits.ac.za by **18 December 2016**:

- Motivation for full time PhD studies, including which of the three institutions you would envisage yourself based.
- Provisional research proposal of 2000-2500 words, relating this to the broad research themes spelt out in the first paragraph above and including the geographic area in relation to which you envisage conducting the research.
- Degree certificates
- Academic transcripts
- Detailed CV including work experience, detailing research if relevant, and publications if any.

This project falls under the NRF's *Collaborative Postgraduate Training Programme*. Selection will be on merit of the submissions, and has to comply with the NRF's award ratios.¹

Please feel free to send enquiries to members of the supervisory team listed above.



¹ The NRF's award ratios are 87% South African, 5% from SADC, 4% from the rest of African continent, 4% from non-African countries, and 55% women and 80% black which for redress purposes is defined to include apartheid era categories of 'Coloured', 'Indian' and 'African' (National Research Foundation, 2016. Collaborative Postgraduate Training Award Letter, October).