



Biological
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SMUTS MEMORIAL BOTANICAL POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP: 2022

Value: Up to R275 000 for 12 months and R75 000 for research costs. The award does not include any benefits and is normally exempt from taxation.

Closing date: 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for this prestigious Fellowship which commemorates General Smuts' interest in South African Botany.

The object of the Fellowship is to enable a person who has exhibited proficiency in independent research to undertake study and research in systematic botany and geographical distribution of South African flora, these being the branches of Botany in which General Smuts was most keenly interested. The possibility of work on other aspects of the South African flora is not excluded.

The fellowship is open to any eligible person, South African or otherwise, who is capable of carrying out its objective and materially advancing the knowledge of the South African flora. Possession of a PhD degree which has been obtained no more than five years ago is a minimum requirement. Eligible candidates may not have previously held any academic or professional permanent positions.

The research to be conducted by the Fellow will be under the general supervision of the Head of Biological Sciences at the University of Cape Town, and the Director of Research, South African National Botanical Institute, Kirstenbosch. As part of the Fellow's professional development, the successful candidate will be offered the opportunity to participate in limited teaching and supervision of senior students in the Biological Sciences Department.

The tenure of the Fellowship is 12 months, with the commencement date preferably within the first quarter of 2022.

Applications must include the following:

1. Research Proposal (maximum 5000 words).
2. The applicant's full curriculum vitae and list of publications.
3. Three reports from referees. The referees must be requested to email the references directly to the head of department at the email address shown below.
4. Certified copies of all academic transcripts and degree certificates.
5. Written endorsement by the host (principal investigator; normally a permanent staff at UCT or SANBI) of the proposed project. To be emailed directly to the head of department.

Applications will be considered by a sub-committee in the Department of Biological Sciences.

Applications must be submitted electronically in a single PDF file to the Head of Department, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Cape Town (head.biologicalsciences@uct.ac.za) and copied to Natalie.Jodamus@uct.ac.za

by no later than 30 September 2021



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Information on faculty structure and academic departments may be found on the UCT website at
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All applicants are subject to the policies surrounding the postdoctoral sector at the University of Cape Town. The funding may not be held concurrently with other substantial funding, unless with prior permission.

Further information is obtainable from: Ms Natalie Jodamus, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Cape Town, Private Bag X3, Rondebosch 7701, South Africa.

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The University of Cape Town reserves the right to make no awards at all; to cancel the award if the conditions are not met, and to effect changes to the conditions of award.