

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

Education and Human Rights in Diversity Research Unit [Edu-HRight],

North-West University, South Africa

Suitable candidates are invited to apply for the position of **a postdoctoral research fellow at the Education and Human Rights in Diversity (Edu-HRight) Research Unit** within the Faculty of Education at the North-West University (NWU).

While this postdoctoral fellowship is funded by the North-West University and is a one-year position, the contract may be extended for up to three years, subject to satisfactory performance during the previous year. The Research Unit will host the appointed fellow, who will be expected to reside in Mafikeng, Potchefstroom or Vanderbijlpark (depending on the location of the mentor) for the duration of the contract.

Information on Edu-HRight is available at <http://education.nwu.ac.za/edu-hright> and for even more information on the North-West University, please visit <http://www.nwu.ac.za/>

The central scholarly focus of the Research Unit is on *human rights praxis and implementations in education*, with a variety of sub-foci as portrayed by the current six subarea:

- Social Justice, Religion and Spiritual Capital
- Social Justice in Education
- Human Rights Education in Diversity
- Legal Perspectives in Education
- Public Schooling in Diversity
- Discipline in Education Institutions

The overall objectives of the research in the Unit find its logic in diverse educational contexts and aims to:

- initiate new knowledge regarding education and human rights in diversity;
- theorise innovative knowledge constructs in the pursuit of social justice and democratic values to create enabling spaces for praxis;
- support scholarly transformation of and enquiry into social capital;
- engage, explore, understand and explain philosophical and sociological perspectives, transformative praxis and legal constructs;
- embrace (post-) conflict and (post-) struggle epistemologies as part of our investigative purposes and further the extent and impact of the realisation of human rights praxis; and
- explore and promote the realisation of social justice within (post-) conflict and diverse societies as it manifests in education.

Qualifications and requirements

The Postdoctoral Fellow

- must have completed a doctoral degree in Education **within the last five years at a university other than the North-West University** (applicants who are in the process of completing a doctoral degree may also apply);
- must be willing to **contribute to a significant increase in the research outputs** of the Research Unit;
- must demonstrate **evidence of scholarly performance** including a relevant publication record; and
- must demonstrate English language proficiency, as well as sound conceptual and writing skills.

Application

Please include in your application **a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV), certified copies of your qualifications, and the names and contact details of three contactable referees**, as well as **a motivation for the research you are interested in** pursuing.

Date of employment

It is hoped that the successful applicant would be able to occupy the position immediately upon appointment. The contract will be valid from the 1st of the month agreed mutually.

Contact details

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