



POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

Education and Human Rights in Diversity Research Unit (Edu-HRight),

North-West University, Potchefstroom, 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).

This postdoctoral fellowship is funded by the North-West University and is a one year position, but the contract can 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 Potchefstroom, Mafikeng 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 six project groups:

- 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, sociological, legal perspectives and transformative praxis;
- 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 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.

As part of your application, you may nominate a potential mentor from the membership of the Research Unit.

Date of employment

It is expected from the successful applicant to occupy the position as soon as possible upon appointment. The contract will be valid from the 1st of the month agreed upon.

Contact details

For more information please contact the following person:

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