



SOUTH AFRICAN RESEARCH CHAIR IN 'LOCAL HISTORIES AND PRESENT REALITIES'

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Honours, Masters, PhD and Postdoctoral Fellowships 2019

Applications are invited for Honours, Masters and PhD scholarships and one postdoctoral fellowship in the research programme 'Local Histories and Present Realities'. The programme is funded through the NRF South African Research Chairs Initiative, awarded to Professor Noor Nieftagodien in 2012. The time horizon of the programme is mainly the 20th to early 21st century. Its geographical focus is the area encompassed by the North West, Limpopo, Gauteng, Mpumalanga and Free State Provinces. A core aim of the programme is to relate local pasts to local presents in small or intermediate towns and their rural hinterlands in the area specified.

The project is interdisciplinary and welcomes applications from students with distinguished academic records in the fields of History, Political Studies, Sociology, Social Anthropology and relevant but less adjacent subjects. Our students have researched a wide-range of exciting topics, including the local and provincial state; the former bantustans; processes of class formation; mining; traditional leadership; the politics of space; youth politics and identities; women's histories; migration and local trading; coloured identities; resistance politics; masculinity and the environment.

We are an active and supportive community of researchers regularly hosting a weekly seminar series, reading groups, book launches, workshops and conferences. Students will receive training in oral history and archival research methodology and close supervision to develop innovative research proposals, in their fieldwork, in the production of quality dissertations and to write academic papers and journal articles.

To apply please submit the following:

- A detailed and up to date **CV** showing your postgraduate degrees and course components.
- An **academic transcript**.
- An **example of any recent written/published work** (third year essay for Honours applications).
- Two academic **letters of reference**.
- Certified **copies of degrees**.
- A detailed application **letter explaining your proposed area of research** and how it fits into this research programme.

The yearly values of the scholarships, which can be taken up from January 2018, are:

Honours **R40 000**; Masters **R70 000**; PhD **R100 000** plus a separate research allowance

Postdoctoral fellowship: **R200 000** plus a research allowance and medical aid cover

Students are encouraged to apply for the **postgraduate merit award**

Students must be registered at Wits and **MUST** apply separately to the academic department that they wish to study in

Closing date: **25 September 2018**

Applications can be send by email to: Antonette Gouws on email address: antonette.gouws@wits.ac.za