**Subcommittee B of the Research Committee**

**Call for applications for full post-doctoral research fellowships (postdocs) for 2024**

Applications for the next round of Subcommittee B full post-doctoral research fellowships grants are now invited.

The following general information and procedures will apply:

* All **full-time, permanent academic staff members from the Faculties of Science, AgriSciences and Engineering** can apply for the fellowships as potential hosts. The **fellowships are awarded to hosts, who then advertise for possible candidates** and submit a nomination of their preferred candidate to Subcommittee B.
* These fellowships are primarily intended to attract post-doctoral candidates from other universities or organisations (local or international) to Stellenbosch University. The final appointment must be approved by Subcommittee B. Candidates who obtained their doctorates from Stellenbosch University will only be considered for funding if the host can provide sufficient evidence that he/she has made a credible effort to attract an external candidate but has been unable to recruit someone with the required background and skills.
* A host may only hold one Subcommittee B postdoctoral fellowship grant at a time. Applicants who were successful in the previous call are thus not eligible to apply in this call.
* Applicants may only submit **one application** in this call.
* Fellowships are granted on the basis of academic merit.
* Fellowships must be taken up within 6 months of the award being made. It is thus important that applicants should be reasonably sure that he/she will be able to recruit a suitable postdoctoral candidate in that timeframe.
* Postdoctoral candidates may only be funded once from a full Subcommittee B postdoctoral fellowship grant.
* The grant value will be R300 000. Due to funding constraints, **the grant period will initially be one year only**. Should adequate funds become available, renewal for a second year will be considered. The decision to extend the grant to a second year will then be based on demonstrated progress by the candidate.
* Postdoctoral candidates should also be encouraged to apply for funding from alternative sources, such as the NRF, for continuation of the postdoctoral fellowship beyond the one-year subcommittee funding period.
* The postdoctoral candidate may not hold any other postdoctoral fellowship concurrently with the Subcommittee B fellowship.
* The grant does not include running costs and it is the responsibility of the host to provide adequate running costs for the full period of the fellowship.
* Hosts will be expected to submit a final report at the end of the grant period.
* Hosts applying for funding cannot apply on behalf of someone else and should host the postdoctoral fellow themselves.

Scanned or pdf copies of applications must be submitted on the provided form to the Division for Research Development (levert@sun.ac.za), **by 19 January 2024 at 10:00. Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered.** Please prepare your application in time for your HoD to actually read it before signing it!

**APPLICATION FOR A POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP AWARD FROM SUB-COMMITTEE B**

1. A scanned or pdf copy of this application must be submitted to the Division for Research Development (levert@sun.ac.za) by **10:00** of the set deadline date.
2. The total application (excluding the research outputs of the applicant for the last five years) **should not exceed 7 pages excluding CV**.
3. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
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| **A. General information of applicant(s)** | |
| Surname, Initials, Title |  |
| Other members of the research group (where applicable) |  |
| Department(s) |  |
| ***Please attach the abbreviated CV of the main applicant (host) to this application*** | |
| **B. Information about the research project in which the post-doc will participate** | |
| 1. TITLE OF PROJECT  *(The title must be descriptive and must apply to the entire duration of the grant.)* | |
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| 2. THEORETICAL BACKGROUND, HYPOTHESIS TO BE TESTED/  PROBLEM TO BE INVESTIGATED  *(A short list of the relevant scientific literature should be included)*  (1000 words max excl. references) | |
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| 3. AIMS  *(Please supply the detailed aims of the research project, in order of priority.)*  (250 words max) | |
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| 4. METHODOLOGY AND TIMEFRAME  *(Also include possible collaborations.)*  (500 words max) | |

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| 5. MOTIVATION FOR AND ROLE OF POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW – WHAT VALUE WILL A POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW ADD (NEW SKILLS, etc)?  *(In particular, explain how the proposed project fits into your current research program and why a post-doctoral research fellow is preferred to a doctoral and/or a masters students.)*  (500 words max) | | | | | |
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| 6. EXPECTED OUTPUTS  *(List expected outputs of the project. These* ***must*** *include outputs that will qualify for DHET subsidy. Be realistic.)* | | | | | |
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| 7. FIT WITHIN THE Stellenbosch University STRATEGIC RESEARCH AREAS  *(Into which strategic research area(s) does the proposed project fit best. If more than one area is appropriate, then assign a percentage (%) fit to each)* | | | | | |
| **Strategic Research Area** | | | | | **Percentage** |
| The Natural Environment | | | | |  |
| Health & Human Security | | | | |  |
| Social Justice & Development | | | | |  |
| Human Creativity & Social Innovation | | | | |  |
| Systems & Technologies for the Future | | | | |  |
| **C. Information on project feasibility** | | | | | |
| 1. INFRASTRUCTURE   *(Please indicate the availability of the required infrastructure, e.g. laboratory and office space, equipment, access to computers, etc.)* | | | | | |
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| 1. FINANCIAL RESOURCES   (*Please confirm whether adequate financial resources are available to support the running costs of the postdoc’s research.)* | | | | | |
| Source | | Running costs | | Cost Centre | |
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| **D. Declarations** | | | | | |
| I declare that the information provided in this form is correct and, should my application be successful, I agree to abide to the policy and procedures governing postdoctoral fellows at Stellenbosch University. (<https://www.sun.ac.za/english/research-innovation/Research-Development/postdoc-documents>) | | | | | |
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| I declare that the applicant is a full-time, permanent staff member of Stellenbosch University and that I support his/her application. | | | | | |
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| Name: Head of Department | \*Signature: Head of Department | | Date | | |

\*If the applicant is an HoD, the application must be signed by the Vice-Dean: Research.