

Subcommittee B of the Research Committee

Call for applications for full post-doctoral research fellowships (postdocs) for 2020

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 R250 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.

Scanned or pdf copies of applications must be submitted on the provided form to the Division for Research Development (sbrooks@sun.ac.za), **by 25 November 2019 at 10:00. Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered.**

Kind regards

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On behalf of Subcommittee B