

University of Cape Town

Centre for Higher Education Development

UCT-HARVARD MANDELA FELLOWSHIPS – 2016

The Harvard-UCT Mandela Fellowships have been established through generous support from the Andrew W Mellon Foundation of New York. These awards are intended to strengthen connections between the W.E.B. Du Bois Research Institute (at the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research, Harvard University) and UCT, to provide opportunities for UCT staff to gain international experience, and to support the professional advancement of academics working particularly, but not only, in the humanities and social sciences. We are pleased to announce that renewal funds have recently been granted to continue this prestigious Fellowship with the du Bois Institute.

The Fellows Program is at the heart of the activities of the W du Bois Research Institute <http://dubois.fas.harvard.edu/>. Founded in 1975 as the W. E. B. Du Bois Research Institute has annually appointed scholars who conduct individual research for a period of one to two semesters in a variety of fields within African and African American Studies.

Application is through the Centre for Higher Education Development (Office of the Dean). Applicants can be from any disciplinary field, but must demonstrate how their research will contribute to the ongoing development of teaching and learning in South African higher education.

Candidates are therefore requested to specify what the outcome of the research will be, how it will impact on teaching and learning, and where appropriate, how it will be disseminated beyond the lecture room (i.e. how findings and reflection on implementation will be made known to a wider audience through such means as publications and public seminars).

For this application round, dates available are:

- January 2016 – May 2016
- August 2016 – December 2016

If possible, your application should clearly state for which period you are applying.

The award includes a stipend, and subventions for housing, medical coverage, air travel between South Africa and the US, childcare and an allowance for attendance at an academic conference in the US during tenure of the award. Details of the package will be negotiated by the W.E.B Du Bois Research Institute with candidates individually.

To be eligible, applicants must have been awarded the PhD degree at the time of application, and have permanent or T3 academic posts at UCT. In line with UCT's equity objectives, preference will be given to applicants from the designated groups, with particular emphasis on black South African applicants.

Applications should

- outline the intended study and research whilst at the W.E.B. Du Bois Research Institute,
- demonstrate the relationship of this work to the development of teaching and learning in higher education in South Africa, and
- include a curriculum vitae and the names and contact details of two referees.

Successful applicants will be expected to submit a substantial report on their research at Harvard on their return to UCT, and give a seminar on how the Fellowship has contributed towards teaching and learning.

The completed application package should be sent to: Kathy Erasmus, Centre for Higher Education Development (CHED), Hoerikwaggo Building kathy.erasmus@uct.ac.za

Closing date: 04 April 2015