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POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM -

2022

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The application form must be completed (typed) and signed by the Postdoctoral Fellow.
2. In order to qualify for a Vaal University of Technology Postdoctoral fellowship, the following criteria will be considered during the selection process:
 - Candidates must be available for **FULL-TIME RESEARCH** at the Vaal University of Technology.
 - Candidates will be awarded a tenure of one year only that is renewable for a maximum of two years, subject to satisfactory performance and motivation from the respective Principal Investigator (PI)/Host.
 - The Fellowship is valued at a tax exempt **R300, 000.00** per annum (Three Hundred Thousand Rand), and there are no benefits attached to this remuneration.
 - Candidates must have obtained their doctoral degrees within the **LAST FIVE YEARS** (2017 being the latest date of the degree being awarded).
 - Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis, taking the Applicant's academic achievements and a good motivation as researcher into account. Applicants are encouraged to ensure that a full list of their publications is included in the CV section of the application form.
 - As the fellowship is primarily to enable the Postdoctoral Research Fellow (PDRF) to focus on research, the fellowship holder may **NOT HOLD FULL-TIME SALARIED EMPLOYMENT** concurrently with tenure of the fellowship, however he/she will be allowed to undertake a maximum of twelve hours per week of teaching related work.
 - All awardees will be required to enter into a signed agreement with the Vaal University of Technology.
 - Any qualification obtained outside South Africa should be evaluated by the South African Qualification Authority (SAQA) and proof thereof must accompany the application.
 - It is the responsibility of the P.I. to identify, screen, interview (with an interview panel) and select potential postdoctoral research fellows. Proof of the interview or screening method must be attached to the application form.
 - Once this selection process has been completed, all completed documents must be submitted to the Research Directorate for necessary processing.
 - Please note that there is little purpose in pursuing an application unless there is a clear commitment by a department to provide necessary facilities (office space, lab equipment etc.).
3. Applicants may submit these documents via email to their potential Principal Investigator (PI)/Host or to Mr Mahlaule Vulani
4. The PI must submit completed forms with all the necessary documentation to Mr VC Mahlaule (vulanim@vut.ac.za) in both physical and electronic form.

PLEASE TICK AND ENSURE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE INCLUDED WITH YOUR APPLICATION

- ☐ CURRICULUM VITAE
- ☐ CERTIFIED COPY **(3 MONTHS MAXIMUM)** HONORS DEGREE CERTIFICATE
- ☐ CERTIFIED COPY **(3 MONTHS MAXIMUM)** MASTERS DEGREE CERTIFICATE
- ☐ CERTIFIED COPY **(3 MONTHS MAXIMUM)** PHD DEGREE CERTIFICATE
- ☐ CERTIFIED COPY WORK VISA FOR EMPLOYMENT DURATION EG: CRITICAL SKILLS VISA
- ☐ PROOF OF SAQA SUBMISSION FOR ANY QUALIFICATION OBTAINED OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICA
- ☐ TWO (2) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM REFEREES (ONE MUST BE FROM THE SUPERVISOR OF YOUR PHD/ DOCTORATE) AND THE POTENTIAL HOST AT VAAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

1. PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT'S DETAILS		
Title:	Surname:	
First Names:		
Home Address:		
Postal Address:		
Place of birth:	Date of birth (YYMMDD): / /	Identity number/Passport number:
Citizenship:		First language:
Telephone Number:	Fax:	E-mail:
Department/Centre, Faculty and University at which you obtained your doctorate:		
Month and Year that you obtained your doctorate:		
Research field to be covered by this application:		
2. INFORMATION ON POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH		

Department where research will be undertaken:	Faculty:
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Duration of project: from (month/year)	to: (month/year)
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Host with whom you wish to work: Name: Position: Department: Phone and fax numbers: E-mail address:	If more than one Host, state the other: Name: Position: Department: Phone and fax numbers: E-mail address:
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Please attach copies of relevant documents to show that you have already been provisionally accepted by your host as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow. (A letter of provisional acceptance from the Host on a departmental letterhead is sufficient.)

3. DETAILS OF RESEARCH

Short descriptive title of research project:

PROPOSED RESEARCH PLAN: provide a brief, clear description of the aims, background, and proposed programme of work. An additional page may be used.

4. QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED (ACADEMIC RECORDS MUST BE ATTACHED)

Degree: Date awarded:	Registration	University/Institution:
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Title of doctoral thesis:

Supervisor and co-supervisors of research for doctoral degree:	Name: Position: University/Faculty/Department:
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5. PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS RECEIVED

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6. EXPERIENCE TO DATE

Name of employer/institution:	Capacity or type of work	Period

7(a). PUBLICATIONS

Please supply a publication list in the space provided below. Full references (i.e. authors, title, year, name of journal/publisher, volume and page numbers) must be given. Conference proceedings, technical reports, patents etc. should also be reported. An additional page may be used.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS INFORMATION IS CRUCIAL TO YOUR APPLICATION

7(b). CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

8. REFEREES Please provide the names (i.e. title, initials, and surname), full postal as well as telephone and e-mail addresses of three academic referees.		
1. Name: Contact Address: Phone No: E-Mail Address:	2. Name: Contact Address: Phone No: E-Mail Address:	3. Name: Contact Address: Phone No: E-Mail Address:
9. FINANCIAL DETAILS		
1. Please declare any other funding/income (from all sources) you expect to receive or have received in support of the post-doctoral research described in this application. Include details of other Fellowship Applications.		
Amount	From: (month/year)	To: (month/year)
2. Does any of the financial support received for your previous studies bind you to a service contract? YES ☐ NO ☐		
10. DECLARATION BY APPLICANT		
I certify that the information supplied in this application is correct and that, if my application is successful, that I understand that I will be subject to, and will abide by the policies, requirements and rules surrounding the postdoctoral fellowships at Vaal University of Technology. I understand that my application will only be considered if: - I have graduated with Doctoral degree within five years of the proposed date of commencement of the Fellowship. - I have declared, within this form, details of any previous employment or postdoctoral research fellowships. - I undertake to comply with all of the Conditions and Criteria of the Vaal University of Technology Postdoctoral Fellowships.		
Signature of applicant:		Date:
Signature of witness:		Date:

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ONCE THIS FORM HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT, IT MUST BE HANDED TO THE PROPOSED HOST FOR FURTHER COMPLETION.

BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE INFORMATION TO BE GIVEN THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE RESEARCH OFFICE BY NO LATER THAN 25 March 2022.

LATE AND INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

11(a). INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY THE HOST OF THE PROPOSED POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

Please explain how the applicant and this study in particular will contribute to your research and VUT Research.
Attach one extra page if necessary.

11(b). PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATION FOR POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Please indicate your preliminary assessment of the application – ✓ tick the appropriate block

I believe that the academic standing of the applicant is:							
Unacceptable	☐	Good	☐	Very Good	☐	Outstanding	☐

The programme of research the candidate wishes to undertake is:							
Unacceptable		Good		Very Good		Outstanding	
The library facilities at Vaal University of Technology would be:							
Unacceptable		Good		Very Good		Outstanding	
The laboratory facilities available would be:							
Unacceptable		Good		Very Good		Outstanding	
The departmental space and all other facilities including equipment available would be:							
Inadequate		Adequate					
Please use this space to describe the space and equipment you will provide:							
The award of a 12 month Fellowship to enable the applicant to work in my department is:							
Not recommended		Recommended		Strongly recommended			
Any further remarks/motivation (Attach ONE extra page if necessary)							

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO THE RESEARCH OFFICE BY NO LATER THAN 15 March 2022.

HOST – Full Names (please print):	Signature: Date:
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT – Full names (please print):	Signature: Date:
FACULTY DEAN – Full names (please print):	Signature: Date:

12. REFEREES (Please attach two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from your PhD supervisor)	
NAME(S): POSTAL ADDRESS: TELEPHONE NUMBER: FAX EMAIL:	NAME(S): POSTAL ADDRESS: TELEPHONE NUMBER: FAX EMAIL:

FOR RESEARCH DIRECTORATE OFFICE USE ONLY:

APPROVED	NOT APPROVED
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RESEARCH DIRECTORATE FULL NAMES: SIGNATURE: DATE:	REASONS APPLICATION WAS NOT APPROVED: