



2023/24 TUT POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS CALL

The Tshwane University of Technology intends to increase its research outputs and throughput of postgraduate students, strengthen supervision, and add to its number of Postdoctoral Research Fellows to significantly expand its research base. To accomplish this, the Faculty of Science invites applications from prospective Postdoctoral Research Fellows who will be based within the Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences.

Conditions of the funding for Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

- Postdoctoral research fellowship funding may not be held concurrently with another fellowship from any other government sources (NRF, etc.) and any full-time salaried employment.
- Postdoctoral research fellowship may hold non-binding supplementary grants or rewards to the institutional capped value.
- Postdoctoral research fellowship will be based at TUT full-time for the duration of the fellowship and should not be employed (full-time or part-time) during the tenure of the postdoctoral research fellowship.

General eligibility criteria for Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

- Postdoctoral research fellowship funding will depend on the availability of funds.
- Applicants must have obtained their doctoral degree within five (5) years of applying (a PhD awarded in 2021, 2022 and 2023 will receive preference).
- Postdoctoral research fellowships are open to South African citizens or permanent residents and foreign citizens from the African continent and other countries, intending to undertake postdoctoral research at the Tshwane University of Technology.
- Non-South African applicants should obtain a relevant visa in their own country for the purposes of doing research at TUT.
- Applicants must have proven track record of research publication in accredited or peer-reviewed journals.
- Applicants must attach certified copies of their identity document or passport; proof of their master's and doctoral qualifications; certified copy of the SAQA evaluation certificate (for international PhD qualifications); and for those who are still in the process of completing their doctoral degree, a letter of confirmation of completion of doctoral qualification from their institution.

Research interests in the following fields/areas:

The applicant should have an interest in conducting interdisciplinary research on the poaching and illegal trade of protected and often rare endemic succulent plants impacting biodiversity hotspots in arid remote regions of South Africa and Namibia.

Minimum requirements

A PhD in Environmental Science, Botany, Conservation Planning, GIS or a related field.

Value of fellowship

- R250 000 per annum.

Reporting - For continuous monitoring of progress, the awardees will be required to submit a progress report to the host in the ninth month of the postdoctoral fellowship.

Interested candidates should submit the following documentation via email to: DzerefosCM@tut.ac.za:

- A detailed CV.
- Certified copies of all relevant qualifications/ certificates.
- Certified copy of the SAQA evaluation certificate (for international PhD qualifications).
- Certified copy of ID or passport.
- A one-page indication of the research project that you wish to pursue during the postdoctoral research fellowship.

Enquiries: Dr C.M. Dzerefos on Telephone +27 12 382 6369

Closing date for applications: **31 October 2023**