



Tshwane University  
of Technology

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Faculty of  
Arts & Design



NATIONAL INSTITUTE  
FOR THE HUMANITIES  
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

## The National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences / Tshwane University of Technology Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Programme 2022

The Faculty of Arts and Design is based at the Arts Campus, and it has the following as its vision and mission:

### VISION

To be a competitive faculty of arts and design that nurtures creativity, innovation, and cultural understanding.

### MISSION

As a faculty of arts and design embedded in a university of technology, we aim to contribute innovatively to the socio-economic development of South Africa by:

- developing and stimulating the artistic potential and abilities of our students through relevant, recognised and career-focused programmes in the visual, performing arts and cultural management and policy domains;
- engaging in research and innovation;
- encouraging and recognising artistic outputs;
- utilising and developing technology towards artistic expression; and
- contributing to culture-led social, economic, and physical regeneration, thereby interacting with relevant communities through the arts.

In partnership with the National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS), the Faculty of Arts and Design at the Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) invites applications for Postdoctoral Research Fellows with a keen interest in contextually relevant research on multi-disciplinary practices in the Creative Industries of the Global South, that will have a transformational impact on the African context in general and Southern Africa in particular. Successful candidates should ideally be inquisitive and eager scholars committed to both excellence in research and continuous learning towards impacting transformational knowledge generation in the Arts and Creative Industries, in the following themes:

- Arts, Performance and Sources of Creativity (creative fields from various settings across the HSS, to study cultural formations and social changes);
- Digital Humanities (the intersection of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and the HSS and Arts, an HSS perspective of digital tools, techniques, and platforms, and how these impact society);
- Ecosystems, Climate, and technology; Global Economy, Development Challenges and Socio-Economic Alternatives;
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- Higher Education, Teaching, Research, and Innovation;
- Indigenous Languages (the development of African languages for scientific use);
- Pandemics, Medicine, Disease and Curing;
- Pre-Colonial, Colonial, and Postcolonial Histories (historical construction of South Africa from the eleventh to the sixteenth centuries and link this to the broader region of southern Africa);
- Transformation, Race, Culture, and Identity.

These broad research themes will speak to the theme-focused signature project areas of Multi-disciplinary practice/s of the Global South: towards inculcating strategies in Creative Economies; and Decolonising garment pattern design principles in South Africa.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Applicants must be South African citizens.
- Applicants must have a PhD in the Arts and Design obtained within the last 5 years by the application deadline.
- Young black females are especially invited to apply.

#### **BENEFITS:**

- There are no fringe benefits attached to the fellowship.
- A full fellowship is worth R400 000 p.a., plus workshop and conference support.
- Postdoctoral research fellows will have access to a modern campus with state-of-the-art infrastructure, cutting-edge information systems and digital technologies, pro-active supervision, and support networks, as well as a community of scholars and researchers characterised by critical and constructive collegiality and teamwork.
- Postdoctoral research fellows will be provided with opportunities for travel to present papers at conferences, both local and international, and attend workshops, including writing and publishing, working with leading scholars in the field of Arts and Design.
- The fellowship will be for a period of 24 months subject to renewal each year, based on satisfactory performance.
- Fellowship must be taken up by **22 March 2022**
- Postdoctoral research fellows will be expected to submit progress reports as per the guidelines.

Send your detailed CV and supporting documents (certified copies of qualifications and proof of identity document) to: [RinganeJT@tut.ac.za](mailto:RinganeJT@tut.ac.za)

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**Closing date: 10 March 2022.**