

# POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

## First Call for Applications

Circular No.pdfa-022013

To improve its research outcomes and impact, the University of South Africa (UNISA) annually takes on board postdoctoral fellows for a duration of 1 year renewable on performance for one more year. The goal of the programme is to support the development of highly competent and confident young researchers who have solid research plans.

For this intake, **twelve** postdoctoral research fellowships can be awarded in any of the following colleges: College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences; Education; Economics and Management Sciences; Graduate Studies; Graduate School of Business Leadership; Human Sciences; Law; Science, Engineering and Technology.

**Call Duration:** Feb 5 – Mar 4, 2013

**Fellowship Year:** July 2013 – June 2014

**Disciplines:** All

**Eligibility & Requirements:** The following criteria must be met:

- Doctoral qualification should not be older than 5 years at the time of the submission deadline of this call
- Doctoral qualification should not have been obtained from UNISA
- Permanent UNISA staff members do not qualify for this programme, irrespective of where the Doctoral degree was obtained
- Staff members from other universities applying to this programme will have to provide a supporting letter from their human resources department clearly indicating their working hours and status of employment during the tenure of the award
- The applicant must have identified a potential collaborator and established a form of agreement to collaborate should applicant's application be successful

Postdoctoral fellows are required to produce at least two publishable peer-reviewed research outputs during the tenure of the fellowship.

**Application Procedure:** Applicants are encouraged to visit the websites of their prospective colleges they wish to collaborate with on the UNISA website – [www.unisa.ac.za](http://www.unisa.ac.za) .

1. Applicants are to complete the **online application form** ([RD PDF 001: Online Application Form \(Unisa Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme\)](#)) available on the Research Department's webpage.
2. After submitting the online application, send the required documentation to the following email address: [molobip@unisa.ac.za](mailto:molobip@unisa.ac.za).

Upon submitting the online application, an applicant will receive an automated information providing details of additional documentation to be submitted and guidelines for submission of required documentation.

3. Please refer to box below for **guidelines** for certification of documents.

**Note (Official Certification of Your Documents):** Official certifications can be issued by all public authorities entitled to bear an official seal, such as government offices, police department, and post office. Certifications from Solicitors/attorneys, public accountants and associations will not be accepted.

The official certification must include at least the following:

- A statement certifying that the copy conforms to the original (**attestation clause**)
- The signature of the attester
- A stamp of the official seal.

4. Applicants whose applications meet the criteria for applications and submission of applications will receive confirmatory emails and information on shortlisting and interviews.
5. All applications will be vetted by a committee comprising the prospective College of the applicant.

**Enquiries:** Enquiries may be directed to [molobip@unisa.ac.za](mailto:molobip@unisa.ac.za)

**Deadlines:**

**Submission of Online Application:** 17:00hrs (GMT+2) on March 4, 2013

**Submission of Required Documents:** 17:00hrs (GMT+2) on March 5, 2013