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Ali Mazrui Centre For Higher Education Studies (AMCHES)
Research Project on Generations of African Scholars



Call For Research/Postdoctoral Fellowships (Two Years)

The **Ali Mazrui Centre for Higher Education Studies (AMCHES)** invites qualified academic researchers to apply for a two-year research fellowship at the University of Johannesburg. The fellowships are aimed at enabling academic researchers to conduct research on the legacies of African scholars, intellectuals, leaders, and institutions. Successful candidates will be working with leading scholars in the field and utilise all available research facilities in South Africa and beyond.

AWARD

The AMCHES awards two research/postdoctoral fellowships for two years, worth R220 000 per annum (tax free). They may be renewable if finances permit and based on the progress of research and good performance. Additional funding will also be allocated for research, conferences, and publications. Applicants must have completed at least a doctoral degree in a discipline/field relevant to the topic of the research project (Education, Higher Education, History, Sociology, Political Science, etc.).

AMCHES is committed to equity and transformation. Applications from previously disadvantaged population groups and persons with disabilities will be viewed favourably.

RESEARCH PROJECT

The objective of the research project is to critically analyse the intellectual legacies of African scholars, intellectuals, leaders, and institutions. It aims at analysing the nature of their contribution to knowledge production with specific reference to influencing and/or shaping the higher education landscape, discourse, policy, and practice in Africa. The research can focus on one or a combination of the following themes:

- Mapping the processes of emergence, development, and intellectual contribution of a prominent scholar of African origin.
- Critically examining the biographies, identities, and the knowledge contributions (e.g. epistemological, theoretical, policy related and methodological) made by an intellectual from Africa).
- Discussing critical institutional spaces within or outside universities in Africa that have significantly contributed to the production of African scholars, African scholarship, and knowledge.
- Developing profiles of the leadership role played by scholars from Africa in politics, policy, academia, and society at large.

Within such a broad context, the project focuses on the academic, intellectual, and leadership legacy in higher education produced by the different generations of African scholars and institutions.

FELLOWSHIP HOLDERS

Successful fellows are expected to conduct research and publish results as a book in the above thematic areas. Publication arrangements will be coordinated by AMCHES, and publication outlet will be provided by the Centre's higher education book series.

APPLICATIONS

All applications will be required to provide:

- A letter of motivation.
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae (clearly indicating your study field, qualifications, employment history, awards and achievements and names and contact details of references).
- Contact details of two academic referees.
- A three-page summary of your research interests (1 500 words) – the research proposal must contain a description of the research area, highlighting the research objectives, research questions and research methodology, and a clear time frame.

Applicants should submit the documents in one single PDF file to both loriam@uj.ac.za and emnetw@uj.ac.za

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

The deadline for application is **SUNDAY, 4 April 2021**.

ENQUIRIES

For any questions, please contact

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