



Department of Historical Studies, University of Cape Town
History Access Publication Support for Young Researchers

The Department of Historical Studies at the University of Cape Town has entered a new phase of curriculum innovation and knowledge production, expressed in an innovative five-year programme, HISTORY ACCESS, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Aimed at training a new generation of South African historians who are conceptually multilingual, technically competent, and academically rigorous, the projected key outcomes of this programme include the production of a critical multilingual conceptual lexicon, journal articles/ book chapters, innovative (new media) articulations of original research, and increased interface with public lives of the historical discipline.

We recognize that a significant number of the PhD and Master's – and even some of the Honours – dissertations is often found by supervisors and external examiners of almost publishable quality which, with minor revisions, can find place in peer-reviewed journals. Unfortunately, after finishing the dissertations, the students often do not have a space to develop them into articles. As a result, most of these dissertations stay buried in the university library and out of the public domain. **This programme is aimed at providing support for TEN PhD, Master's and Honours students who have graduated from the UCT Humanities Faculty within the last two years to enable them finalizing publications based on their original research for appropriate peer-reviewed journals.** Preference will be given to the students of the Department of Historical Studies, but students from a cognate discipline will also be seriously considered for any historically themed publication.

Support will be provided in two stages:

(A) Each successful candidate will work with a particular **publication mentor** (a permanent member of the academic staff of the Department of Historical Studies) **for three months** (tentatively from 1 June 2022 – 31 August 2022) to produce a final draft of the article by the end of the third month. The publication mentor will provide concrete research and writing guidance aimed at a successful peer-reviewed publication. In order to facilitate this process, each successful candidate will receive **a monthly stipend of ZAR 6000 for these three months.**

(B) In September 2022, a **writing retreat** will be organized with all successful candidates and their publication mentors for a final follow-through round at the end of which the students will send their articles to the selected journals.

Main Conditions of Award:

- PhD, Master's and Honours students who have successfully graduated from the UCT Humanities Faculty in December 2019 or after are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to the students of the Department of Historical Studies, but students from a cognate discipline will also be seriously considered for any historically themed publication.
- The article will be single-authored by the student and will be based on the student's original research.
- The successful candidates may hold other awards or employments concurrently with this stipend, but they will have to commit fully to participating in the mentoring process and the writing retreat.

Application Procedure:

Suitable candidates are required to email the following documents by 10 May 2022 to History.Access@uct.ac.za

- A cover letter of no more than 1 single-spaced page, which includes a brief description of the proposed article.
- One writing sample containing original research.
- A complete and up-to-date curriculum vitae.
- A recommendation letter from the (honours, Master's or PhD) thesis supervisor stressing the originality and publishability of the candidate's work.
- Copies of the external examiners' reports.
- Full transcripts of academic record.

Application deadline: 10 May 2022

Tentative Duration of stipend: 1 June 2022 – 31 August 2022

For more information please contact History.Access@uct.ac.za or call (+27) 021 650 5527.

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