



Call for Applications for 4 Doctoral Fellowships

Research field: Circuits of Consumption

The Institute for the Humanities in Africa (HUMA) undertakes and champions interdisciplinary research in the Faculty of Humanities at UCT. Central to this initiative, is a commitment to promoting the next generation of scholars in South Africa and the continent at large. We aim to nurture the expertise and enthusiasm of graduate students interested in an academic career, through a combination of intensive and supportive doctoral supervision, and a broader programme of seminars, symposia and workshops that help develop the intellectual versatility and confidence that an academic career requires.

Funding from the A.W. Mellon Foundation has made available a further four full-time doctoral fellowships, intended for outstanding scholars who wish to pursue an academic career. This is a residential fellowship (barring time in the field) and will provide funding renewable for up to four years, on condition of annual satisfactory progress. We will consider applications from interested applicants with a Master's degree in appropriate disciplines or fields of study in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

In this case, the fellowships are earmarked for research on Circuits of Consumption – one of HUMA's flagship research fields. Visit our website www.huma.uct.ac.za for an outline of the sorts of issues and questions, encompassed by this field of study.

The Doctoral Programme on offer will include (non-credit bearing) courses on critical theoretical and methodological issues, which doctoral fellows will be required to attend. Given our interest in nurturing academic talent, doctoral fellows will also be expected to play an active part in HUMA's intellectual life, including our programme of seminars, symposia and lectures.

Each fellowship is worth R149 000 p.a., which covers fees and a monthly stipend.

We welcome applications from scholars in South Africa and the continent at large. English is the medium of instruction and discussion.

To apply, please submit the following:

1. A covering letter, including a thoughtful statement of your proposed area of doctoral research
2. An updated CV
3. Two pieces of academic writing – including at least one chapter from your Master's degree
4. Names and email contact details of 3 referees.

Shortlisted candidates should be available for an interview in the first week of September.

Submit your application to Heather Maytham via email heather.maytham@uct.ac.za, or via post to HUMA, 4th floor, Humanities Graduate School Building, Upper Campus, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch 7700, South Africa.

Closing date: 15 August 2013

