

# 2017 Tuks Young Research Leader Programme (TYRLP) Application Form

*Applications should be completed personally by the applicant. Please read the instructions in this form carefully. Please do not modify the format of this form or delete any of the question titles or instructions to gain more space. All responses should be in black, 12 point font.*

*Completed application forms should be sent to [smeetha.singh@fabi.up.ac.za](mailto:smeetha.singh@fabi.up.ac.za) in a single email, ideally in a single PDF. Please ensure that the referee letter is sent directly by the referee. **All applicants are expected to book the 03rd (including the evening) and 04th of October 2017 for the TYRLP workshop on submission of their application.***

*Short-listed candidates may be required to participate in a short interview that will be conducted by telephone or using Skype.*

**Section 1. Biographical data**

**Title:**

**Name:**

*Please indicate your full name, with names in the order that you would usually write them.*

**Surname:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Gender:**

**Nationality:**

*If you hold more than one nationality, please list them all.*

**Details of PhD or equivalent qualification:**

*Please indicate the year you obtained your degree, the research field and the awarding university.*

**Current position and contact details at your main employer:**

*Please provide your email address, a postal (mail) address, telephone, and your professional website (if you have one).*

## **Section 2. Research experience and accomplishments**

*Please give a short summary (300 words maximum) of your research career, highlighting the accomplishments that make you stand out from peers at a similar career point. Include actual or anticipated practical outcomes of your research. Your response should be written with a general audience in mind.*

## **Section 3. Short essays**

*Please answer each of the following questions in your own words. Use a maximum of 200 words for each answer.*

- 1. Why do you want to join the Tuks Young Research Leader Programme?*
- 2. What is your vision for the future of science at UP and in South Africa and how do you foresee yourself contributing to its development? Be imaginative and future focused, but realistic.*

## **Section 4. Curriculum Vitae (CV)**

*Please paste a copy of your CV at the end of this document. The CV should have a maximum length of 3 pages, should contain a brief education and employment history and make your achievements clear to a general audience.*

### **Section 5. Letter of support**

*Please arrange for the submission of a letter of support for your application. Your referee should be affiliated with an accredited research organization (e.g., a national academy of science, a young academy or a research institute). Your referee should be familiar with your research career and able to comment on your standing as a leading academic. Please ensure that your referee agrees to receive future communications about the leadership programme and provide a mentor role should you be selected.*

*Instructions about the contents of this letter are included on the last page of this form. Please supply a copy of this information to your referee.*

#### **Referee**

*Name:*

*Organisation and Department:*

*Address:*

*Email address:*

*This referee has agreed to be contact person during the programme*

### **Section 6. Declaration**

*Read the following carefully, and complete the form. Print the form, sign below and scan this page to include with the completed application.*

I declare to the best of my knowledge that the information in this application is accurate. I acknowledge that providing misleading or untrue information may lead to my application being rejected or my fellowship being revoked.

Signed

Print name

Date

## **Curriculum Vitae**

*Please paste a copy of your CV here. The CV should have a maximum length of 3.*

## Instructions for referees of applicants to the Tuks Young Research Leader Programme

The Tuks Young Research Leader Programme seeks to identify and select as fellows UP's leading early career researchers, junior lecturers, lecturers, senior lecturers and research fellows (with two or more years experience) in basic and applied science, engineering, social sciences, arts and the humanities. The total number of fellows is limited to 20; thus, successful applicants must be amongst the leading young researchers at the institution.

Beyond research excellence, candidates should show an ongoing interest and commitment to advancing science in a broad sense (i.e., beyond just their own careers).

Successful applicants are expected to demonstrate one or more of the following:

- A research fellowship with two years experience or a faculty position at UP;
- Outstanding scientific potential and outputs;
- A desire to nurture a culture of research excellence;
- Internationally influential, but SA and Africa focused;
- A desire to work collaboratively on inter- and trans-disciplinary problems;
- An appetite for multiple stakeholder engagement, research communication; and
- Commitment to participate in all the activities of the fellowship.

Please include the following information in your letter of support:

- A brief description of your current professional position;
- Details of how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant;
- An explanation of why you believe that the applicant should be considered a future leading researcher as evidenced by the criteria listed above, or similar achievements;
- Your opinion on the commitment demonstrated by the applicant to engage with the broader research community and/or society;
- Your opinion on how the applicant could both contribute towards and benefit from the Tuks Young Research Leader Programme;
- Your willingness to act as a contact person and mentor for the applicant should they be selected.

*Letters of support should be sent to [smeetha.singh@fabi.up.ac.za](mailto:smeetha.singh@fabi.up.ac.za) from the referee's institutional email address. Please ensure that referee letters are sent by **12pm on 31 August 2017**. All information supplied will be treated in confidence, and used only for the purpose of judging applications to join the Tuks Young Research Leader Programme.*