



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW: Forensic Anthropology, Biological Anthropology and Bioarchaeology

This Call is for the position of a Postdoctoral Research Fellow for a one-year (12 month) appointment from 2025 to 2026 in the Forensic Anthropology Research Centre (FARC) which is in the Department of Anatomy at the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Pretoria (UP), South Africa. The FARC was founded in 2008 with the primary objectives of advancing research in biological and forensic anthropology, providing education at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, and offering community service through forensic case analyses for the South African Police Service (SAPS). The centre's work focuses on methods and techniques for analysing and identifying individuals from their skeletal remains, with particular emphasis on bone trauma, taphonomy (burned bone), human variation and 3D imaging.

This is a one-year academic appointment, which provides the fellow with the opportunity to develop research independence, teach undergraduate students, produce research outputs, and participate in forensic case analyses, which will ultimately be strengthening their academic CV.

#### Responsibilities

The Postdoctoral Research Fellow will work with a senior mentor in FARC to contribute to research in the area of taphonomy and burned bone. The Postdoctoral Research Fellow will also be involved in undergraduate teaching in biological anthropology and anatomy, database management and participation in forensic case analysis.

#### Requirements:

##### *Essential*

- A PhD in one of the following areas, obtained within the past five years: Biological Anthropology, Forensic Anthropology or Bioarchaeology.
- Ability to work with various data sources, platforms and software such as R-statistics and Microsoft programmes
- Publication record in peer-reviewed journals
- Ability to work in a team environment
- Strong interpersonal and verbal/written communication skills, including the ability to effectively communicate complex ideas to both technical and non-technical audiences

##### *Desirable*

- Experience working with large and extensive data sheets and being able to extract relevant data
- Experience in scientific writing such as publication writing, as well as translating scientific writing to ordinary and every-day writing.



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### Application process:

- Applications must be submitted in writing as a cover letter to Prof EN L'Abbé ([FARC@up.ac.za](mailto:FARC@up.ac.za))
- CV including qualifications, work experience and evidence of achievements such as publications and awards
- Certified copies of degree certificates
- Certified copies of academic transcripts of all academic degrees and courses completed
- Names and contact details of at least two professional referees

**Application closing date:** Monday, 30 September 2024

**Starting Date:** January 2025

**Tenure:** This is a full-time paid fellowship for a maximum of 1 year. The remuneration package will be R250,000.