



ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL for APPLICATIONS

1ST ANNUAL WINTER RESEARCH SCHOOL

JUNE 24 – JULY 17 2011

NELSON MANDELA METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

SAASVELD CAMPUS, GEORGE

Are you a Master's or doctoral candidate registered at a South African higher education institution? Would you consider being one of 150 selected post-graduate candidates to spend three weeks at the NMMU George campus interacting with your peers and senior academics, research administrators and skills expertise? If your answer is "yes" to both questions, then read on!

The Directorate *International Relations & Cooperation at the NRF*, in association with national and international partners, is pleased to announce the first of what is to be an annual contribution to honing the research skills of cohorts of Master's and doctoral candidates registered under one or other partners' scholarship programmes at a South African higher education institution. We envisage that this pilot programme will:

- promote a culture of research and social responsibility amongst emerging researchers
- enhance an understanding of respective research methodologies
- hone your writing skills for scientific publication
- hone your poster and oral presentation skills
- enhance proposal/grant-writing skills
- provide guidance in research management and administration of projects
- provide mentoring (1-on-1 and in groups), advice and corrective action by scientific expertise
- provide 3-5 day science courses specifically for Inkaba & !Khure students
- provide interaction with senior science policy and research management expertise
- create an awareness of cultural and social multiplicity at national and regional levels
- engage with local community-driven development programmes and activities, and,
- of course, have fun together!

It is our intention to provide a mix of facilitated interactions guided by national and international expertise. This is an opportunity and privilege you do not wish to miss which will not only grow you individually, but also provide impetus to the next generation of continental expertise!

Interested? Raring to go? Then please complete the registration form by following the link provided below.

How to Apply:

- a. Click on the link - <http://phoenweb.nrf.ac.za/FPF2/>
- b. Register or Login using your email address and password(used on registering)
- c. Go to the open calls drop down list
- d. Select the NRF Winter School 24 June-17 July 2011
- e. Select Apply now
- f. Complete all screens and sub- screens online for application summary, project information, research outputs
- g. Once complete click on the check completeness and submit form tab to check if all sections are complete
- h. Click on the Submit application tab
- i. Your application will be directed to the NRF for further assessment and selection
- j. A list of successful applicants names will be found on the NRF website under the student link on the 15 June 2011

For programme specific queries, please direct these to the respective address:

1. NRF-DAAD In Country Programme: thashni.maistry@nrf.ac.za
2. AEON: Inkaba yeAfrika Programme: admin@inkaba.org
3. AEON: !Khure Afrika Programme: admin@inkaba.org
4. AEON: S&T Train Programme: admin@inkaba.org
5. AEON: Space Geodesy
Observatory Programme: admin@inkaba.org
6. DST-NRF SARCHI Programme: motsei.bambo@nrf.ac.za
7. DST-NRF CoE Programme: motsei.bambo@nrf.ac.za
8. NMMU Postgraduates: motsei.bambo@nrf.ac.za
9. NRF-NF Postgraduates: motsei.bambo@nrf.ac.za

As we can only provide accommodation for up to 150 and subsistence for up to 100 participants, preference will be given in the following order, to

10. Candidates currently supported under one of the above-mentioned programmes or institutional support schemes;
11. Candidates currently in the final year of either their Master's or doctoral programmes;
12. Candidates in the process of preparing a poster or oral presentation for delivery at an upcoming conference/workshop/seminar;
13. Candidates in the throes of preparing a journal article for publication;
14. *Candidates who are able to self-fund their travel to George (e.g. through support from your scholarship programme and/or your institution);*
15. *Candidates, as above, who are able to make a contribution towards accommodation and subsistence costs - ;*
16. ***NB: The above will enable us to support needy applicants with our limited resources!***
17. Candidates who are prepared to share their culinary, cultural/performance, athletic or undiscovered talents and skills;
18. Candidates who are prepared to share their knowledge and skills with local communities, public institutions, scholars and the marginalised.

So, do you “qualify”? Do you fulfil the criteria mentioned above? Still interested? Then hurry to register.

With this pilot project we are responding to a specific request and proposal by post-graduate candidates within the “Inkaba yeAfrika” Programme.

Yours for the LOC,

Robert Kriger

Pretoria, May 30, 2011