

FULL-TIME POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH POSITIONS 2021

The DST/NRF South African Research Chair: Mineral Law hereby invites applications for postgraduate research positions for 2021. These positions are available for full-time postgraduate research students (LLM (by research) or PhD) registered at UCT, with a topic in mineral and mining law, as of 2021. Depending on satisfactory progress, full-time PhD positions are made available for 3 years; full-time LLM positions are made available for 2 years.

Eligibility requirements:

- South African citizenship / permanent residence
- For the LLM positions: Applicants must hold at least an LLB degree no later than December of the year prior to award; For the PhD positions: Applicants must hold at least an LLM (research) degree no later than December of the year prior to award.
- Willingness to reside in Cape Town full time.
- Availability to work exclusively at the Chair (see “package” below). Part-time work/involvement outside of the Chair is not permitted.
- Applicants must pass the admissions criteria for higher degrees at the UCT’s Faculty of Law, and must complete the apposite application form, found at <http://www.lawresearchdegrees.uct.ac.za/lrd/admission>. This application process is separate from the application process for the postgraduate researcher positions.
- Successful applicants must apply to the NRF for a scholarship (see “successful applicants” below)
- Excellent fluency and articulation in English (reading, writing and speaking)
- Good computer literacy (including MSWord and Online research tools)

Recommended skills / experience:

- Preference will be given to applicants who completed an advanced property law, mineral/mining law or natural resources law elective as part of their LLB, who has completed postgraduate courses in similar areas, or who has previously completed a research paper of at least 5000 words in one of these topics.
- Special language skills (French, Portuguese or African language) would be an advantage.

Successful applicants will be required to:

- Live in Cape Town and work full-time on their research projects and at realising the Chair’s objectives at the Chair’s offices, from 7 January 2021 until 20 December 2021, and every subsequent year of funding for the duration of the study period.
- With the support of the Chair, apply for an NRF Scholarship by no later than 10 July 2020.
- Regularly attend, contribute to the arrangement of and participate in the Chair’s research skills development events, short courses, conferences, research projects and seminars

- Attend the regular business meetings of the Chair's research group.
- Work towards the deliverables of the Chair and the completion of their own postgraduate research projects roughly in a 35:65 ratio of dedicated time. This translates into an approximate ratio of 15:25 hours per week.
- Participate in other activities of the Chair's Research Group.

The research package will include:

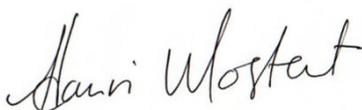
- Provision of specialized and individualised training in mineral and mining law, supervision and access to the UCT Law Faculty's excellent research facilities.
- Advanced research skills training.
- Flexible workspace and membership of a vibrant and dynamic community of researchers at the Chair's research group facility in the UCT Law Faculty.
- Use of a laptop computer for the duration of the research position, where required.
- A per annum research bursary to the level of full NRF support. Due to changes in the NRF student funding policy, the exact amount is not available at the time of advertising. However, the package will be to the equivalent of full-time support as settled by the NRF (even if the concomitant application to the NRF only yields a reduced amount – the package will be topped-up to full-time equivalent level).

Application procedure:

To apply, please submit the following documents to the MLiA Chair administrator, Desiree.Forbes@uct.ac.za and CC mlia@uct.ac.za by 8 July 2020.

- A cover letter motivating candidate's suitability for the position and ability to further the goals of the Chair; outlining specific research interests; and discussing future career plans.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Proof of SA Citizenship / permanent residence
- Proof of registration for postgraduate research degree / application for admission to postgraduate research degree at the UCT Law Faculty.
- Full, official university study record, including an indication that degree requirements will be met for the 2020 academic year.
- A specimen of the candidate's recent academic writing, e.g. a research paper, dissertation or article, of no more than 15 pages in length (an excerpt may be submitted).

Further queries may be directed to Kennedy.Chege@uct.ac.za, copying mlia@uct.ac.za



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