

Short course training and Masters, PhD, and Postdoctoral Fellowships available in the Division of Social and Behavioural Sciences at UCT's School of Public Health and Family Medicine

Over the last six years, the Division of Social and Behavioural Sciences (DSBS) has established itself as a centre for critical social and behavioural science teaching and research in the University of Cape Town's School of Public Health and Family Medicine.

We run a variety of projects under one of our core research areas: **Gender and HIV**. Our specific focal areas are 1) building theory and evidence around men, masculinities, and HIV, with a specific focus on gender transformative initiatives and 2) strengthening efforts to better understand and prevent rising HIV incidence among adolescent girls and young women (AGYW). For more information, please see our [core Division website](#) and [our Fieldnotes site](#), a platform dedicated to making the research work of DSBS staff, students and affiliates more accessible.

With new funding from the United States National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the South African Medical Research Council (SA-MRC), and in partnership with colleagues from Brown University and the SA-MRC, we are pleased to invite applications for 1) a series of short professional/academic development courses and 2) a range of postgraduate fellowships.

Deadline for full applications: 21 July 2019

If you are interested in the short courses and/or postgraduate fellowships, please contact Zara Trafford (zara.trafford@uct.ac.za) to request application materials. In your request for application materials, please be sure to indicate if you are interested in one or both of these opportunities. **NB: These grants prioritise developing capacity at historically disadvantaged institutions and among historically disadvantaged individuals in South Africa. Participation is not restricted to these designated groups/institutions but will be prioritised for them.**

SHORT COURSES (QUALITATIVE RESEARCH AND GENDER THEORY)

Three short courses will be offered in the areas of 1) qualitative data analysis, 2) qualitative evidence synthesis, and 3) gender theory. These courses will run for between 3-5 full days each in Cape Town and will be free to attend (including travel and accommodation costs as needed) for those selected as part of this call for applications. We are looking for a diverse group of participants working in gender and HIV research from across South Africa. We are particularly interested in postgraduate students and junior scholars, and those working in institutions and organisations that may not have access to this kind of capacity development opportunity.

Interested applicants should be available during the following weeks:

- 14-18 October 2019
- 2-6 December 2019
- 9-13 March 2020

POSTGRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS IN GENDER AND HIV RESEARCH

Masters and PhD candidates are eligible if they plan to register at UCT for their first year in 2020 **OR** are already registered at UCT. The following Fellowships are available and will start in 2020:

- 2 x two-year Masters fellowships
- 4 x four-year PhD fellowships
- 1 x two-year postdoctoral fellowship

All Fellowships will include funding for tuition, research costs, and close support and mentoring from a wide range of local and international collaborators. Fellowships will also include the opportunity to work with Division staff and postgraduate students, and to attend networking events and conferences. **PhD and Postdoctoral Fellowships** will also include a study visit to one of our key US collaborators, the Brown University School of Public Health.

In addition to carrying out a research project under one of our two focal areas in gender and HIV (see above), Fellowship recipients will also be expected to participate in additional programme activities, including short courses, workshops, mentoring in teaching and supervision, and organising network events and meetings. These Fellowships require full-time commitment for the duration of the period of support (2 or 4 years, depending on level).

NB: This call is for those already enrolled in or planning to apply for postgraduate training at UCT in the School of Public Health and Family Medicine. Applications for admission to these postgraduate programmes must be submitted separately to the university, in accordance with standard UCT application procedures.

Deadlines for applications to the MPH Programme are 31 July (international students) and 30 September (South Africans and permanent residents).

Deadline for the PhD Programme (in Public Health) is 31 October.

We cannot guarantee your admission to the university but if you are selected for funding under this call, we would strongly support your application.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS (BOTH SHORT COURSES AND FELLOWSHIPS) IS 21 JULY 2019.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT ZARA.TRAFFORD@UCT.AC.ZA BEFORE 21 JULY TO REQUEST THE FULL APPLICATION MATERIALS AND/OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.