



# Environmental Humanities of the South: Fellowships for Master's, Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Study

The Faculty of Humanities at the University of Cape Town invites applications for new Master's, Doctoral and Post-Doctoral qualifications specialising in the Environmental Humanities. With the support of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the initiative has scholarships available for **three Master's and two Doctoral candidates, and one Post-Doctoral fellow**, commencing February 2015.

**Towards an Environmental Humanities of the South:** Debates about ecology, energy and natural resource management in Southern Africa are often trapped in a polemic between 'development' and 'the environment'. With the goal of reimagining and reconfiguring the terms of such exchanges, and exploring the specific ways in which they take form in the global south, the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Cape Town is launching a new interdisciplinary research initiative to support the emergence of an Environmental Humanities of the South.

The Initiative is grounded in a new taught M.Phil specialising in the Environmental Humanities. With topics ranging from scientific modelling to government policy, from social justice movements to the creative arts, the programme will examine questions of sustainability, human wellbeing and the environment in their broadest sense. In a 21st century context of increasing pressure on the biosphere, the environmental humanities provide a vital intellectual space that enables researchers, students, artists, writers, scientists, policy-makers and practitioners to reflect critically on the concepts that underlie environmentalism in the Anthropocene.

Applications are invited for the six fellowships at the different levels. Of particular interest would be research projects that address environmental conflicts related to the following themes:

- Race and the making of an environmental public
- The militarisation of conservation
- Energy provision, climate change and the challenges of the decolonising South
- Ecological modelling and democratic decision-making
- Space and place in southern African and postcolonial literature

In the interest of establishing a transdisciplinary team of researchers, applications are invited from graduates in a wide range of fields. Applications must be made to the programme and to UCT for a graduate position.

**Fellowship applications** must be made to the programme and must be sent to [envhumsouth@uct.ac.za](mailto:envhumsouth@uct.ac.za). Please include **a letter of motivation** describing your experience and research interests, **the names of three referees**, together with a **detailed curriculum vitae** and **transcripts of your academic record**.

**UCT postgraduate applications** are processed online:

- For Master's and PhD applicants, please visit: [www.uct.ac.za/apply/applications/forms/](http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/applications/forms/)
- For information on UCT Post-Doctoral Fellowships and relevant forms, please visit: [www.uct.ac.za/research/pgfo/about/](http://www.uct.ac.za/research/pgfo/about/)
- More information can also be found at: [www.uct.ac.za/usr/pgfo/postdocs/PDRF\\_Policy\\_Feb2014.pdf](http://www.uct.ac.za/usr/pgfo/postdocs/PDRF_Policy_Feb2014.pdf)

**Applications for both the M.Phil and the fellowships, are due on 31 October 2014.**

Information on additional funding can be found as follows:

- For international students: [www.humanities.uct.ac.za/hum/postgraduate/students/forms](http://www.humanities.uct.ac.za/hum/postgraduate/students/forms)
- For Master's and Doctoral students: [www.uct.ac.za/apply/funding/postgraduate/applications/](http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/funding/postgraduate/applications/)
- For Post-Doctoral fellowships: [www.uct.ac.za/research/pgfo/funding/](http://www.uct.ac.za/research/pgfo/funding/) or [www.uct.ac.za/research/pgfo/noticeboard /](http://www.uct.ac.za/research/pgfo/noticeboard/)

Enquiries regarding possible research projects may be sent to Associate Professor Lesley Green, at [envhumsouth@uct.ac.za](mailto:envhumsouth@uct.ac.za)

