

Call for Applications for New Postgraduate Programme Transdisciplinary Health and Development Studies



The Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology at Stellenbosch University, in collaboration with the Department of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences (Division of Community Health), invites applications for two new postgraduate degree programmes in Transdisciplinary Health and Development Studies: a postgraduate diploma and an MPhil degree (by thesis or by coursework). The innovative new programme has three primary aims:

- To train a new generation of South African and African social and health researchers in transdisciplinary approaches that allow them to engage critically, astutely and sensitively with important issues of social transformation.
- To prepare health professionals, development practitioners, and policy makers for the complexities of health and development practice and for effective scientific engagement in an increasingly diverse and globalised world.
- To create an intellectual space for original critical research across disciplinary boundaries that contributes useful knowledge for the promotion of human wellness, the relief of suffering, and the transformation of structures of exclusion in Africa and the global South.

We invite students from a range of disciplinary and professional backgrounds, including social science, health, development, and policy, who are interested in gaining a strong conceptual foundation and applied research experience and skills to engage critically with health and development challenges.

The **Postgraduate Diploma** prepares students for professional work or further academic study through a core set of required modules, combined with a series of methodological and topical electives and a short research assignment. The **MPhil** (by coursework or by thesis) will benefit researchers, planners and policy analysts in government and civil society seeking to strengthen their analytical and research skills as well as gain a transdisciplinary perspective on health and development.

Bursaries are available for students applying to the MPhil degree. Details can be found on our website.

Applications are welcome until **10 January 2015**. Bursary applications are due by **30 December 2014**.

For more information please visit our website: www.health-dev-studies.org

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