CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: ALL AFRICA HOUSE FELLOWSHIPS

FOR THE PERIOD 1 September – 30 November 2012

Deadline for Submission of Applications: 20 July 2012

1. Introduction
All Africa House is offering five fellowships to young or mid-career\(^1\) Africa based academics with a good academic record to come to the University of Cape Town (UCT) and develop their teaching material or write up completed research for publication. The fellowships are tenable for 3 months. Successful applicant(s) will be required to take up the fellowship from 1 September to 30 November 2012. The Fellows will be hosted by All Africa House, in collaboration with senior academic members of staff in the different faculties of the University.

2. The objectives of the programme are:
(a) To contribute to the intellectual and broad social development of young academics on the continent.
(b) To promote the research and capacity building in universities on the Continent.
(c) To provide the Fellow with an opportunity to write and publish, and benefit from the intellectual dynamism of UCT’s Faculties, as well as its relatively extensive library resources.
(d) To provide the Fellow with the opportunity to develop courses and teaching materials and/or write up research under the eye of a senior academic at UCT.
(e) To facilitate the Fellow’s engagement with UCT’s intellectual community about his or her work through presentation of seminars at AAH or in his/her host faculty.
(f) To provide the Fellow with opportunities to interact and network with both national and international visiting scholars residing in AAH.

\(^{1}\) This means a scholar who has less than 5 years of experience as a university teacher.
(g) To foster interaction between UCT academics and their counterparts from other African countries, with a view to learning more about each other’s educational systems, teaching and research environments.

(h) To address two of the many challenges facing teachers and researchers in African universities: the serious problem of resources and capacity to develop courses and teaching material, and the lack of opportunities for academics to write and publish due to poor library resources.

3. **Purposes of the Programme**

The fellowships have been established to enable the Fellow to:

(a) develop courses and teaching materials, and/or
(b) write up completed research for publication.

4. **Eligibility**

Only applications submitted by the following academics at an African University outside South Africa will be considered:

a) A young or mid-career teacher in the employment of the home University institution who has less than 5 years of experience as a university teacher, with good academic record and a minimum qualification of a Master Degree.

b) A national of the Country of the home university.

c) A person whose area of work falls in one of the areas of work of potential hosts listed in paragraph 11.

5. **Criteria**

a) The applicant’s Head of Department, Dean and Head of Institution (Principal/Vice Chancellor) must confirm in writing:

i. The employment of the applicant as an academic staff member in the university;

ii. The applicant’s availability (if awarded the fellowship) to participate in the programme in the period advertised;

iii. That the applicant’s teaching and research fall in one of the areas of work of UCT Hosts listed in paragraph 11;

iv. That the applicant, if awarded the fellowship, will return to his/her employment at the home institution at the end of the fellowship.

b) Successful fellows must live in All Africa House for the entire duration of the fellowship. AAH does not, and is not obliged to provide accommodation to a family member of the Fellow in AAH or elsewhere.

6. **Selection Procedure**

The award of the fellowship will be made according to the following procedure.

The applicant must:
a) Submit a full curriculum vitae;
b) Indicate the purpose for which the fellowship is applied for (i.e. developing teaching materials and/or writing up completed research publication).
c) Indicate his/her area of teaching, which must correspond with one of the areas of work of UCT hosts listed in paragraph 11, e.g. computer science, political science, customary law.
d) Provide a written motivation (not exceeding 500 words) why he/she should be awarded the fellowship.
e) Submit a summary/abstract (not exceeding 500 words) of the research they intend to write up, as the case may be.
f) Submit a statement signed by the Head of Department, Dean and Head of the institution in terms of paragraph 5 (a) above. The statement must be on the University letter head and bear the date stamp of the University.
g) Provide a written indication (not exceeding 200 words) of the number of previous overseas trips and the nature of academic work undertaken during those trips.
h) Provide two signed reports of referees, one of whom must be an academic at the Fellow’s current institution.
i) Two signed reports of referees one of whom must be an academic in your institution.

7. Assessment of Applications
   The assessment of applications and offer of the fellowship are made on academic merit by a selection committee, which has discretion to consider other relevant factors. The decision of the selection committee is final.

8. Requirements of the Programme
   (a) The Fellow will be required to:
      (i) Present a seminar on any aspect of their work in the AAH series of seminars (see paragraph 10 (a));
      (ii) Interact with the warden of All Africa House in meetings arranged by the warden from time to time.
      (iii) Prepare a written report of his/her work during his/her fellowship, and provide a written evaluation of the programme. The report and evaluation must be submitted to the warden of AAH one week before the end of the fellowship. The letter must be signed by the Fellow’s Head of Department or Dean of his/her faculty.

9. Funding
   The fellowship programme is funded by the University of Cape Town. The fellowship covers the following expenses:
   (a) Single self-catering accommodation in AAH. Breakfast will be provided in the AAH Dining Room.
   (b) Medical insurance cover for international visitors.
   (c) Subsistence allowance of R296 per day.
   (d) Return airfare.
(e) Small grant towards local travel (for fellowship business), printing, photocopying, and freight upon departure from UCT to the home country at the end of the fellowship.

10. Institutional collaboration and commitments
   (a) All Africa House

   AAH offers and administers the All Africa House Fellowships. It also accommodates the fellows for the entire duration of the fellowship, and provides a communal computer laboratory to the fellows as other residents in the House.

   AAH is an academic visitor’s residence at UCT. It is designed to provide self-catering accommodation in a scholarly environment. Its intellectual life includes the hosting of seminars on topical issues of general interest to the University and the neighbouring communities.

   (b) UCT Faculties

   The Fellowships are offered in collaboration with UCT faculties through senior academics who volunteer to act as hosts to the fellows for the purposes of their academic work. The role of the host is two-fold:

   (i) To enhance the Fellow’s work while at UCT by providing him/her with guidance (tips) in writing and publishing or the development of courses and teaching materials, as the case may be. This is not expected to be an onerous supervisory role, but rather a collegial mentoring.

   (ii) To assist the selection committee in the evaluation and selection of fellows whose applications fall in his/her field(s) of work.

   (c) UCT and its vision

   The fellowship programme seeks to advance various tenets of UCT’s mission and Afro-politan goals, especially those of being a research-based teaching and learning institution in Africa and striving for inter-institutional collaboration.

   (d) Home Institution

   The fellowships are established for academics at African Universities outside of South Africa. The collaboration and commitment of the Fellow’s home institution are critical to the success of the fellowship programme.
### LIST OF UCT Academic Hosts: 1 July – 30 September 2012

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<td>Science, Botany Department</td>
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<td>(b) Biodiversity studies (especially aquaculture within Southern &amp; Eastern Africa)</td>
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<td>Prof Jill Farrant</td>
<td>Science, Department of Plant and Molecular Biology</td>
<td>(a) Molecular physiology, using:</td>
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### 12. Application Deadline

Completed applications must be submitted in soft copy format as a separate attachment via email to Christian Zenim, email Christian.zenim@uct.ac.za on or before the 20 July 2012 with copy to patrick.rezandt@uct.ac.za. Only in the event of mailing failure to these addresses for whatever reason should the application be submitted to chuma.himonga@uct.ac.za. Where a signature is required the document concerned must be signed and scanned with the signature page. The successful applicant must present the original copies of these (signed) documents to the Warden of All Africa House upon taking up residence at the House.