

Call for Applications 2020

FELLOWSHIPS PH.D / POST-DOCTORATE

One or two doctoral or post-doctoral research mobility support allowances are vacant at the French Institute of South Africa-Research.

The French Institute of South Africa-Research (IFAS-Research) has a regional mandate covering twelve countries in Southern Africa (Angola, Botswana, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe). IFAS-Research promotes and supports research projects in the Humanities and Social Sciences dealing with this area.

These positions are financed through non-renewable mobility support allowances (*aides à la mobilité*) for **3 to 9 months** (maximum). Successful applicants will receive the scientific and logistic support of IFAS-Research and will become involved in the scientific life of the Institute by regularly taking part in the ongoing activities (conferences, seminars, publications, etc.).

The mobility support allowance comes to **EUR - 1 200.00 net per month**. *A priori*, the travel expenses should be covered by the researchers. But, within its budgetary constraints, IFAS may examine the possibility of full or partial cover of the travel expenses.

Applicants must be French, registered in a French university or linked to an UMR (research centre associated with the CNRS – Centre national de la Recherche scientifique). Applicants will be selected on the basis of scientific criteria only, although **the integration potential of the project into the academic landscape of Southern Africa will be taken into consideration**.

Priority will be given to applicants whose research is in line with the research programs of the Institute:

1. Archaeology and Prehistory

- Paleoanthropology, evolution of the hominids,
- Archaeology and multidisciplinary studies of *Middle Stone Age* and *Later Stone Age*, historical archaeology,
- Rock art.

2. Medieval, Early Modern and Contemporary History of Southern African Societies

- Long distance connections, integration of Southern Africa in Atlantic and Indian Ocean circulations, material and cultural circulations since the first millennium CE,
- Social history, imperial history, social and racial hierarchies, slavery,
- Heritage and current issues of memory in Southern Africa, construction of fields and categories.

3. Contemporary Dynamics: Urban Studies, Social, Political, Economic and Cultural Transformations

- Geography and urban studies, historical development of Southern African cities, governance, access to public services, security, spatial justice, access to the city, city memory,

- Migration studies, borders, xenophobia,
- Political mutations in Southern Africa, electoral dynamics, citizenship and its transformation, identity policies, nation-building processes,
- Resources, economic policy, comparative development economics, labour,
- Education, youth, social movement,
- Ecology and society.

A specific interest will be shown in transregional projects, in projects that challenge disciplinary borders and proposals dealing with Lusophone Africa. Nevertheless, scientific excellence will remain the main criteria of selection.

List of documents to enclose in the application:

1. A short introduction letter from the applicant (one page);
2. A CV (2 pages max.)
3. The application form filled-in electronically;
4. A detailed description of the research project **not exceeding 8 pages** and containing the scientific project, a research agenda and institutional partnerships;
5. One or two reference letters from academics addressed to IFAS-Research Dir., Sophie Dulucq.

Selection process of applications:

Please, send the application by email with **a single .pdf document attached**, containing all the enclosures (including the form and the reference letters) to dir.research@ifas.org.za and comm.research@ifas.org.za.

The originals of the two reference letters have to be sent by post to:

Sophie Dulucq
 Institut Français d'Afrique du Sud, Johannesburg
 MEAE, Sous-direction du Courrier, de la Valise diplomatique et des Transports,
 13 rue Louveau
 92438 CHATILLON Cedex - FRANCE

Deadline for applications: **31 December 2019**

Replies will be sent to applicants by e-mail after validation by the Research Advisory Committee of the Sub-Saharan Africa UMIFRE during the first semester of 2020.

If their citizenship and current position allow it, **postdoctoral candidates are also invited to apply to the Programme Atlas de mobilité postdoctorale France-Afrique australe**, funded by FMSH and IFAS-Recherche: <http://www.fmsch.fr/fr/international/30467>

Nota bene: Unsuccessful candidates will be targeted for the call for funding for the year 2020. It is therefore unnecessary to send two applications.

APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL INFORMATIONS			
Surname:		Name:	
Date of birth:		Place of birth:	
Postal address:		E-mail:	
Land line:		Cell phone:	
INSTITUTION			
Last diploma:		Institution:	
Year of PhD inscription, if applicable:		Supervisor, if applicable:	
Supervisor e-mail:		Supervisor contact number:	
RESEARCH PROJECT			
Title:		Discipline:	
Location:		Duration of fellowship desired (months):	
Dates:		Other sources of funding:	