

Call for events 2024

DOCTORAL – POSTDOCTORAL STUDENTS – SENIOR RESEARCHERS

IFAS-Research (UMIFRE 25, MEAE/CNRS – French Institute of South Africa) has a regional mandate covering twelve countries in Southern Africa: Angola, Botswana, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe. IFAS-Research promotes and supports research projects in the Humanities and Social Sciences dealing with this vast area.

In addition to its yearly call for projects, this year IFAS-Research is offering additional funding for the **organization of scientific events** (conferences, colloquiums, seminars) to take place at IFAS-Research in Johannesburg.

To be eligible, events must take place between March and July 2024 or between September and mid-November 2024. They must be organised by a pair of researchers (from PhD level), one based in a French institution, the other in an institution or research centre in one of the twelve countries of our regional mandate.

The allocated funding will range from **500 to 1,500 euros** per project. It aims to support the **establishment or development of long-term research partnerships** between French and Southern African researchers.

The application must be cosigned by both parties and the submitted project must outline the timeline, format and main scientific objectives for the proposed event, as well as the wider research that it contributes to. It should specify at what point in the collaboration the event takes place (whether it initiates it, develops it, etc.) and what follow-up and further development is planned.

Projects may be submitted in French or in English. They must be relevant to one of the Institute's research areas:

1. Archaeology and prehistory

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

2. Heritage, history of art and history (medieval, modern and contemporary) of southern African societies

- Political and social history; History of social and racial hierarchies, history of slavery;
- Material, linguistic and cultural circulations; integration of Southern Africa into Atlantic and Indo-Oceanic circulations;
- Heritage studies, history of art, contemporary approaches to memory in Southern Africa;
- History of ideas and knowledge, cultural history and historical linguistics.

3. Contemporary dynamics: urban studies, social, political, economic and cultural changes

- Urban studies (geography, history, sociology, anthropology, etc.): governance and policy, security, spatial justice, right to the city, urban memory;
- Migration studies, borders, xenophobia;

- Political transformations in Southern Africa, election studies, citizenship and its transformations, national construction processes;
- Cultural and language policy; cultural and creative industries; art and society;
- Identity politics and studies; gender studies;
- Emergence and resource capture, economic policies, development economics, labour;
- Education, youth, social movements;
- Ecology, the environment and society.
- Health and society.

Scientific excellence is the main criteria of selection.

Applicants will receive replies by email in January 2024.

List of documents to enclose in the application:

1. A CV (maximum 2 pages) for both researchers;
2. A detailed description of the research project not exceeding 4 pages and containing the outlines of the proposed event (scientific objectives, dates, potential associated events), how it fits in the wider research collaboration that is envisaged (specifying main objectives, partners and stage of development); as well as prospects for publication and further developments;
3. An estimated budget;
4. For doctoral candidates, a letter of recommendation from the research supervisor;
5. The application form for funding.

Selection process:

Please send the application by email and attach **a single .pdf document** containing all of the above to: annael.lepoullennec@frenchinstitute.org.za and marie.opplert@frenchinstitute.org.za

Deadline for applications: November 30 2023