



Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Term: June 2020 – May 2021 (1 year)
Deadline: 17 January 2020

The Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Cape Town (UCT) invites applications for a Postdoctoral Research Fellow for the period of June 2020 to May 2021.

The Centre, a research-intensive interdisciplinary unit established in 1980, seeks to stimulate and promote the field of Jewish Studies at the university. During the period of the fellowship, the Fellow will be expected to participate actively in the intellectual life of the Centre and to maintain an active research agenda. Though the position is open to all fields of Jewish Studies, preference will be given to applicants whose scholarly focus intersects with the broad academic interests of the Centre. Candidates would be expected to have strong empirical grounding in their fields of specialization, a collaborative spirit, theoretical fluency, and ability and willingness to make connections between Jewish Studies and related fields.

Main Conditions of Award:

Eligible candidates must have received their doctoral degree in Jewish Studies or a cognate discipline within the past five years, and may not have held a full-time permanent academic position.

The successful candidate will be required to register as a postdoctoral research fellow at the Kaplan Centre, and to comply with all relevant policies, procedures, and practices of UCT

The Fellow is required to be based in Cape Town for the duration of the fellowship.

The successful candidate may, as part of their professional development, be requested to participate in limited teaching and co-supervision. These commitments will not exceed 12 hours per week so as to maintain the tax-exempt status of the position.

The successful candidate is expected to produce at least two peer-reviewed publications during the period of the fellowship.

Value and Tenure:

The value of the Fellowship is ZAR 225,000.

Although no benefits and allowances are included in the fellowship, the Fellow can apply for limited additional funding from the Kaplan Centre toward research and travel expenses.

The fellowship is available for a period of one year, with the possibility of renewal for up to two years pending the availability of funds and evidence of satisfactory academic progress.

Application Procedure:

Applicants must email the following documents to kc@uct.ac.za by 17 January 2020:

A cover letter of no more than 2 single-spaced pages, which includes a brief description of past and current research and an outline of future research plans.

One writing sample of no less than 8,000 words.

A complete and up-to-date curriculum vitae, including a list of publications/scholarly output and the names and e-mail addresses of three academic referees.

Full academic transcripts

Eligible and complete applications will be considered by a subcommittee of the Kaplan Centre. The University of Cape Town reserves the right to disqualify ineligible, incomplete and/or inappropriate applications, change the conditions of award, or to make no awards at all.