



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Dr. Lindiwe Makhunga
PhD Fieldwork Research
Grant 2018
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African Studies

We are pleased to announce a call for applications for a new *African Studies* PhD Fieldwork research grant valued at R100,000 and invite applications from students currently registered for PhD studies at Wits University, Johannesburg South Africa.

The grant is named after the late Dr. Lindiwe Makhunga. Makhunga was appointed as a lecturer in the Political Studies department at Wits University in November 2014, having previously completed a number of degrees here, including her doctorate. Makhunga's doctoral work saw her conducting ambitious fieldwork in Rwanda, South Africa and Sierra Leone, conducting research into the relationship between gender and political behaviour. She undertook to learn many languages of the continent in order to bring authenticity to her work.

Sponsored by the *African Studies* journal housed at Wits University, the scholarship aims to attract intellectually ambitious scholars whose work is aligned to the aims and scope of the journal.

African Studies is an international interdisciplinary journal which aims to publish high quality conceptual and empirical writing relevant to Africa. Significant disciplines include but are not limited to: anthropology, critical race, gender and sexuality studies, geography, history, literary, cultural and media studies, sociology, and politics. The journal seeks to foster an interdisciplinary and global conversation from, with and about Africa.

ELIGIBILITY

- Students currently registered for PhD study at Wits University are invited to apply for the *African Studies* PhD Research Grant.

- The research grant is available to South African and international students and a subcommittee constituted by the board of the *African Studies* Journal will interview the shortlisted applicants.
- Applicants must propose doctoral fieldwork research that will make an original contribution or theoretical intervention in areas that are broadly related to advancing scholarship in the disciplines the journal includes although it is not limited to these. Successful candidates should be able to clearly identify how their proposed fieldwork aims to foster an inter-disciplinary and global conversation from, with and about Africa.
- The funding must be spent within 2 years of the award being granted – proposals that extend beyond this period will not be considered.

The Research Grant covers but is not limited to:

- Travel costs
- Accommodation costs
- Translation services
- Language courses
- Professional editing services

Application details

To apply please submit the following:

1. A detailed and up to date CV
2. A covering letter detailing the proposed research fieldwork focus, associated programme of work and related expenditure and how that might fit into this research grant call
3. Copy of accepted PhD proposal
4. Copy of Faculty proposal letter
5. A detailed budget
6. Names and contact details (including email addresses) of 2 referees
7. Two letters of recommendation – one **MUST** be from your PhD supervisor

Applications should be emailed to: Peace.Kiguwa@wits.ac.za

Closing date: CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MONDAY 15 JANUARY 2018

INFORMATION about *African Studies*
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