

Ray Pahl Research Fellowship in Urban Studies, 2015

Further Particulars

The Fellowship, to be held in the African Centre for Cities (ACC) at the University of Cape Town (UCT) will ideally be for the entire calendar year 2015. The starting date may be changed in exceptional cases to accommodate personal circumstances.

The Research Fellowship is for twelve calendar months only. No extension will be considered, and the Fellow can have no expectations of subsequent employment in the ACC or at UCT. By law, Fellowships provide no fringe benefits.

Candidates must:

- 1) have an excellent educational record, showing outstanding performance in undergraduate and postgraduate taught courses and research degrees.
- 2) have been awarded a PhD at the time of application but not more than 5 years ago.
- 3) have research expertise in the field of urban and regional studies as demonstrated by a completed doctoral thesis and/or published or forthcoming books, or articles in refereed journals.
- 4) have demonstrable ability to present research findings effectively to fellow professionals at national and international conferences or in professional research seminars.
- 5) have a coherent plan of research for the duration of the Fellowship, which can either be the development of doctoral work or an entirely new topic which promises to make a valuable contribution to the field of urban and regional studies.

It is not expected that applicants' research should focus on Cape Town, excepting for research already started there, or being undertaken by researchers familiar with the city. It is unlikely that a first visit to the City would generate high quality inquiry within a year. The ACC is eager to support any advanced research that will illuminate and advance urban knowledge and policy in the global South, particularly African cities.

Successful candidates will be expected to contribute to the aims and purposes of FURS (see <http://www.ijurr.org/furs/home.html>) and the *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. The Fellow must submit at least one paper to the *Journal* during the tenure of the Fellowship. The author's institutional affiliation on the published paper will be recorded as the ACC, and appropriate acknowledgement will be given to the Foundation for Urban and Regional Studies as the funder.

The Fellow will be expected to participate actively in the affairs of the ACC, including presentation of a Research Seminar, chairing and leading discussion at selected events, and publishing in ACC outlets.

The Fellow is entitled to apply for one conference travel grant outside of the Fellowship for attendance at an International Sociological Association meeting.

The African Centre for Cities will provide a desk, share of an office, library access, computer network facilities, and a mentor.

Subject to visa stipulations, the Research Fellow may be permitted to undertake teaching up to a maximum of three hours a week during term-time, subject to the agreement of the mentor at UCT and the FURS board.

Applications must include:

- 1) A formal letter of application, including a statement of your availability in the 2015 calendar year, and the names of at least two academic referees who you have requested to support your application with confidential letters of reference submitted independently.
- 2) an up-to-date cv, including publications.
- 3) a clear, officially certified copy of degree certificates.
- 4) a one-page outline of your PhD research.
- 5) a two-page outline of the research you propose during the Fellowship.
- 6) an e-mail address for acknowledgement of safe receipt by ACC.

Applications and letters of reference should be sent electronically to maryam.waglay@uct.ac.za. The e-mail subject must be 'RAY PAHL FELLOWSHIP'. If you do not have e-mail access, please address hardcopy applications to Maryam Waglay, African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town, Private Bag X3, Rondebosch 7701, SOUTH AFRICA. Mark the envelope as 'RAY PAHL FELLOWSHIP'.

If your referees wish to e-mail letters of reference these must be scanned and signed as a pdf document on letterhead paper from the referee's place of employment, with her / his e-mail & telephone details. E-mailed reference letters should be sent to maryam.waglay@uct.ac.za. Ask your referees to use the e-mail subject 'RAY PAHL FELLOWSHIP'.

The closing time and date for receipt of applications and letters of reference is **17h00 (UTC/GMT +2) on Friday 12 September 2014. Late applications will not be accepted.**

Shortlisting will be conducted in September / October 2014. A panel of senior ACC scholars will shortlist applications. Final selection will involve a FURS representative and most probably a skype interview. The successful applicant will have ten days to accept the offer, after which it may be withdrawn.

No correspondence will be entered into with unsuccessful applicants.

The start of the Fellowship, and the first payment, will be subject to provision by the successful applicant of proof of the right to remain in South Africa during the period of the Fellowship.

The successful applicant will be entirely and solely responsible for arranging the necessary visa for permission to study in South Africa for twelve months. The ACC will provide the Fellow with written confirmation of the duration and amount of the award, and the settling in allowance, which the authorities will require. The process can be extremely lengthy, and early preparation is essential.

The ACC will arrange one month of temporary accommodation for the successful applicant, if requested, on the understanding that payment is from the Fellow's account.