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College of Humanities, University of KwaZulu-Natal

invites proposals for the

Mellon 30th Anniversary

Early Career Scholars Program

Arts, Humanities, and Humanistic Social Sciences

The Mellon 30th Anniversary Early Career Scholar Program is intended to support teams of early career scholars to collaboratively pursue important scholarly themes. Each team would be led by scholar/s based at one of the grantee universities (see P2) of the Foundation's International Higher Education and Strategic Projects (IHESP) programme and must include early career scholars from other IHESP programme grantee universities, and can include early career scholars from other universities in the Global South.

The Early Career Scholar Program seeks to support early career scholars to develop and undertake programs of research, writing, and publishing in a way that enhances their individual capabilities, builds wider institutional capacities, and forges robust scholarly networks among scholars and institutions in the Global South.

* **Early Career Scholars are understood as those who are at the rank of lecturer or senior lecturer who would have completed their PhDs not longer than ten years ago.**

The proposed programmes of research, writing, and publishing would focus on historical and contemporary topics of scholarly significance that are pursued collaboratively by teams of early career scholars. Programmes are meant to provide opportunities for imaginative rigorous, theoretical and empirical research, largely from an interdisciplinary and comparative perspective. They would also seek to advance epistemological, theoretical, methodological, and empirical work from the Global South. Proposed research programs are encouraged (but not restricted) to have a public arts and humanities dimension, as well as to be linked to postgraduate education in the arts, humanities, and social sciences.

* The programs would be three to four years in duration and would begin in October 2018.

* This is a highly competitive programme and only ONE grant will be supported per University

IHESP Grantee Universities that UKZN scholars are meant to collaborate with;

- University of the Witwatersrand
- University of the Western Cape
- University of Cape Town
- Rhodes University

- Stellenbosch University
- University of Pretoria
- University of KwaZulu-Natal
- University of Ghana
- Makerere University
- American University of Beirut
- American University in Cairo

Grants with a budget of maximum \$500 000 can be considered;

Provision in the budget can be made for;

- ▶ buy out of teaching time to support research and writing,
- ▶ support for postdoctoral fellows and postgraduate students,
- ▶ fellowships at partner universities of up to three months,
- ▶ expenses related to research, team meetings,
- ▶ convening conferences and workshops,
- ▶ travel to conferences,
- ▶ publishing,
- ▶ Programme administration costs.

Proposals will be judged on the quality and significance of the proposed research program, opportunities for interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary study and comparative study, the rationale for the proposed comparisons, the aptness of plans for implementing the program, and on the scholarly accomplishments of the team leaders and other team members.

In order to indicate an expression of interest please submit;

- ▶ **Proposal (5 000 – 10 000 words)**
- ▶ **A fully motivated budget**
- ▶ **A well-developed implementation plan with timelines across three years**
- ▶ **CVs for the team leader/s and team members**

*** Deadline – 15 September 2017**

Please send applications with ALL Documents to:

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