

## “Oceanic Humanities for the Global South” invite applications for MA and PhD scholarships

Rising sea levels require new styles of oceanic research that speak to environmental and decolonial themes. Much oceanic research focuses on the surface of the ocean, tracing movements of people, ideas and objects. An oceanic humanities equal to the present must engage with both human and non-human aspects of the ocean, with the depth and the surface. Such a project must also decolonize the histories of oceanic space, providing new approaches to aesthetic understandings of water. This project proposes a research agenda that can combine critical oceanic studies with postcolonial theorizations of the seas to evolve an oceanic humanities appropriate to the Global South.

We invite applications from MA and PhD students. Students must register to conduct research pertinent to this project within any disciplinary field in the Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of the Witwatersrand.

### Eligibility and Requirements

- Excellent Honours or Masters results
- A research project that engages with the themes of the project. Students working on lusophone/Mozambican themes and with facility in Portuguese are encouraged to apply
- Preference will be given to Black South African applicants.

### Application Process

Applications close on Jan 31 2018. Your application should include:

- Detailed and updated CV
- Names and contact details (including email addresses) of two academic references
- A cover letter outlining your research interests and how these align with the project
- An academic transcript
- Proof of acceptance into a full-time MA or PhD programme at Wits University, applicable to those already registered or enrolled
- While in principle fellows are not precluded from receiving other funding, all such funding applied for and/or received must be disclosed at the time of application. Fellows are expected to be fully committed to the fellowship programme, and any other funding or employment with requirements that prevent such a commitment may result in the fellowship being withdrawn. It is the applicant's responsibility to check whether other funding awarded to them has any caps, restrictions, or requirements that would make them ineligible for the fellowship, or that would inhibit their full-time commitment to the programme.

Please send your application by January 31 2018 to Isabel Hofmeyr [isabel.hofmeyr@wits.ac.za](mailto:isabel.hofmeyr@wits.ac.za)

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