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Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

University of Pretoria: Public Policy Hub Postdoctoral Fellowships in Fiscal Policy, Energy, Climate Change, Data Science, or Trade

The Economics and Management Sciences (EMS) Faculty at the University of Pretoria is establishing a multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary Public Policy Hub (PPH) aimed at bridging the gap between policymakers, practitioners, field experts in the public sector as well as researchers in academia to strengthen evidence-based, contextually relevant, and sustainable public policy in Africa. The PPH's overall goals and research focus areas are anchored and developed within the framework of the African Union's (AU) Agenda 2063 and the Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We invite applications for Postdoctoral Fellowships. Successful candidates will be expected to contribute to the research goals of the PPH by collaborating with faculties across the University of Pretoria on transdisciplinary and interdisciplinary research with a strong public policy and societal relevance. In addition, the Postdoctoral Fellows will be required to organise and participate in policy dialogues and provide mentorship to students of participating faculties.

Applicants should have a doctorate in a field closely related to the **following focus areas: fiscal policy including tax policy and administration, fiscal decentralisation and property taxes, energy, climate change, data science, or trade**. The candidate must have graduated **within three years prior to beginning the fellowship**. Demonstrated experience in quantitative data analysis and knowledge of statistical analysis methods including the knowledge of at least one programming language (i.e., R, Python and MATLAB) is essential. Excellent writing and verbal communication skills are highly desirable.

The Postdoctoral Fellowships are for two-years, **starting as soon as possible**, with the possibility of renewal for a further year upon satisfactory performance. The annual stipend of **R250,00.00 is tax-free and relocation costs** (i.e., flight ticket and visa) will be made available based on the availability of funding.

Applicants should send the following application package to Prof. Nara Monkam at fn.monkam@up.ac.za and Ms. Sibongile Zulu at u15281265@tuks.co.za; Tel: +27 12 420 3461 and +27 12 420 6154: 1) A CV no more than 5 pages with content relevant to one of the above focus areas, 2) a job market paper, 3) a concept note of **not more than 1000 words** outlining what innovative research the candidate would produce, its intended societal impact, and how the candidate would engage stakeholders to support policy changes in one of the above focus areas and, 4) at least one letter of reference from academic sources to testify to the candidate's academic abilities and the suitability of his/her research experience for the proposed research project. **Deadline for applications is 04 November 2022** and candidates should be available for physical or virtual interviews.