2020 Call for Global Excellence Stature (GES) 4.0 Postgraduate Scholarships and Postdoctoral Fellowships Fourth Industrial Revolution (multi-disciplinary call)



The University of Johannesburg (UJ) is a vibrant and cosmopolitan university, anchored in Africa, which is dynamically shaping the future through innovation and the collaborative pursuit of knowledge and striving towards global excellence and stature (GES). The embodiment of core values such as independent thinking, meaningful engagement and sustainable development with a foundation deeply rooted in consistency and transparency make the University an international institution of choice for global excellence and stature.

GES 4.0 Scholarships and Fellowships are intended to encourage and support Postgraduate students and Postdoctoral Research Fellows from various disciplines, who are interested in carrying out cutting edge research activities, in a multidisciplinary approach involving multiple academic entities and aligned to Industry 4.0, to provide innovative solutions to problems aligned to the fourth industrial revolution as well as present ways to exploit the transformative potential of 4IR technologies to address the Sustainable Development Goals. At the same time, we also welcome applications from candidates whose work critiques and problematizes the construct of Industry 4.0 in the context of late neoliberal capitalism. Ultimately, the aim is to find constructive, critical and future-focused ways to ensure that South Africa can participate actively in and contribute productively to Industry 4.0.

UJ also has other funding opportunities available for postgraduate students and Postdoctoral Research Fellows not working in 4IR related areas. In due course, the call for applications will be posted to our UJ webpage at www.uj.ac.za/postgraduate-school.

Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

Candidates who obtained their Doctoral degree within the last five years are invited to apply. Fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis, taking into account the candidates' academic achievements, potential as an independent researcher and meeting the requirements of the call. Successful candidates will be expected to contribute to research productivity and impact in multidisciplinary research involving multiple academic entities and aligned to 4IR.

Master's and Doctoral Scholarships

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates who will be registering for full-time Master's and Doctoral studies at the University of Johannesburg in 2020. The scholarships will be awarded based on academic excellence. The call is open to candidates who intend undertaking multi-disciplinary research involving multiple academic entities and aligned to 4IR. Race and gender demographics will be applied during the evaluation process in order to enhance the equity profile of postgraduate students at UJ.

Closing date for applications: 31 January 2020

For more details on the call, application process and 4IR focus areas of UJ's academic entities please log on the Postgraduate School website.

