

**Position of Postdoctoral Researcher:  
Critical Food Studies Programme,  
University of the Western Cape**

<https://www.criticalfoodstudies.co.za>

PhD graduates within the Humanities are invited to apply for the position of **postdoctoral researcher** in the intra-institutional Critical Food Studies Research Programme.

The incumbent will be required to:

- Provide administrative assistance to the programme's co-PIs regarding publication of journal special issues and books;
- Participate in and assist with the programme's intra-institutional seminar series;
- Provide assistance with the ongoing development of the programme website, including soliciting and editing content;
- Coordinate and provide administrative assistance to the project administrator for public events and public engagement;
- Produce independent scholarly work.

**Minimum Requirements**

- A PhD degree in any of the following: English, Gender Studies, Philosophy/Politics, History, Sociology Anthropology, Linguistics, Media Studies or other disciplines/ disciplinary clusters in the Humanities.
- Previous record of academic publication.
- Strong editing skills.
- Must be based in South Africa (preferably Cape Town).
- Should belong to a historically marginalised group.

The successful candidate will also have a strong interest in critical food studies, and be willing to work both collaboratively and independently.

**General Remarks**

Critical Food Studies is a developing transdisciplinary field in the humanities/social sciences that explores food as a lens for understanding - inter alia - various forms of literary and cultural representation, the performance and construction of social subjectivities and identities, the intersection of global and local cultural contexts and practices. Although it would be advantageous for applicants to have some experience with or knowledge of this field, previous work in the field is not essential. Applicants must, however, be keen to pursue this work during the period of their fellowship.

Period: 1 year

Starting date: Negotiable 2020

Mellon postdoctoral Fellowship amount: Approx R20,000 pm

Additional retainer fee for website editing: Approx 7 000 p/m

Please submit your CV, proof of degree, letter of motivation and sample of writing to the following:

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