

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

Project Title: International Credentialling and Quality Assurance Standards

Scope of Research: Credentialling and Quality Assurance. The postdoctoral research fellow will engage in research pertaining to the quality assurance processes for school-leaving qualifications within the context of the Unit for International Credentialling at Stellenbosch University. This research will aim to critically assess and enhance current methodologies for evaluating and validating secondary education credentials on an international scale. Focusing on comparability, reliability, and standards alignment, the fellow will analyse existing quality assurance frameworks, identify gaps, and propose innovative strategies to ensure that school-leaving qualifications meet global educational standards. This work will contribute to the development of robust, transparent, and equitable credentialing systems that facilitate student mobility and academic recognition across borders.

Centre/Department: Africa Centre for Scholarship, Stellenbosch University International

Host: Prof Sarah Howie, PhD (Twente), M.Ed (Wits), BA Hons (UCT), BA (Stell), ASSAF Professor; Centre for Adult and Higher Education, Department of Curriculum Studies, Faculty of Education; Director: Africa Centre for Scholarship (ACS) and Director: SU-UIC, Stellenbosch University International, Stellenbosch University.

Requirements:

- The candidate must possess a relevant doctoral degree/ PhD in Curriculum Studies/Assessment obtained in the past 5 years.
- Senior management experience in secondary national examinations and quality assurance.
- Experience with interpreting international credentials of school-leaving qualifications.
- Experience in managing implementation of quality assurance processes of national secondary examinations.
- Experience with benchmarking international secondary qualifications and curricula.
- Previous involvement with research related to secondary examinations/curriculum/quality assurance.
- Ability to work well in teams, be self-motivated and problem-solve.
- Computer literacy.
- Good understanding and knowledge of secondary educational environment in Africa.

Recommendations

- Publications in reviewed accredited journals.
- Previous teaching experience.

Value of Award: R300 000.00 per annum

Closing date: 08 August 2024

Please note:

- Postdoctoral fellows do not hold posts or positions and neither do they enter an employment contract with the University. They are therefore not eligible for employee benefits.

- They receive a fellowship to conduct research, and do not receive a salary or remuneration for contract research or teaching.
- Their awards are paid out via the Postdoctoral Office and not Human Resources.
- They are not part of the teaching staff of the University, neither are they contract researchers.
- They are not postgraduate students.

Application and Enquiries: Complete the application, accompanied by a comprehensive curriculum vitae, proof of qualification and transcript, including a list of publications and the names and contact details of at least two referees, using the following link: [Application Form](#)

Applicants should request their referees to forward confidential reports Dr Brent Abrahams at babrahams@sun.ac.za by the closing date directly.

If you require any assistance with your application, please contact Dr Brent Abrahams at babrahams@sun.ac.za