



**SafGo**  
Institute for  
Safety Governance  
and Criminology



**UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN**  
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## **2017/8 Call for Applications**

### **Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (2) in criminology, environmental security, violence prevention and/or safety governance**

The Institute for Safety Governance and Criminology (SafGo) invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for two postdoctoral research fellowships in criminology, environmental security, violence prevention and/or safety governance, funded by the National Research Foundation (NRF) South African Chair in African Security and Justice at the University of Cape Town.

#### **Background**

SafGo, located in the Department of Public Law, Faculty of Law, has recently been established at the University of Cape Town (UCT) and brings together the Safety and Violence Initiative ([www.savi.uct.ac.za](http://www.savi.uct.ac.za)), the Centre of Criminology ([www.criminology.uct.ac.za](http://www.criminology.uct.ac.za)), the Global Risk Governance Programme ([www.grgp.uct.ac.za](http://www.grgp.uct.ac.za)) and the Graduate School of Development Policy and Practice ([www.gsdpp.uct.ac.za](http://www.gsdpp.uct.ac.za)). It hosts the NRF Chair in Security and Justice and is in the processes of developing interdisciplinary research, teaching and outreach on safety governance and violence prevention. In essence, the concept of 'safety governance' is concerned with enhancing the well-being of people and societies through the appropriate management and allocation of safety resources (broadly defined). SafGo currently employs 15 staff members, but also draws on the expertise of numerous UCT academics that specialise in violence prevention and community safety. SafGo is an official UCT entity, and is viewed as one of UCT's flagship interdisciplinary institutes.

#### **Call for application**

SafGo invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for the postdoctoral research fellowships who will be expected to work within and support the research activities of a programme which has as its key objective the development of multi-disciplinary research on safety governance and justice widely conceived, specifically within any of the following thematic areas:

- Policing, private security, community justice and related topics
- Environmental security (with a focus on illegal economies that support the trade in endangered species)
- Violence and/or crime prevention
- Promotion of safe cities and communities (with a focus on models of safety)

### **Conditions of Award**

- Applicants should have a PhD awarded within the previous five years in a relevant academic discipline, such as, Criminology, Sociology, Anthropology, Political Science, Law, Psychology or other related disciplines
- Applicants may not previously (since achieving the PhD) have held full-time professional or academic posts
- Applicants are expected to be based at the University of Cape Town for the duration of the fellowship, and not hold simultaneous fellowships from other institutions
- No benefits or travel allowances are included in the value of the fellowship
- The successful incumbent will be required to register as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Cape Town immediately and to comply with the University's approved policies, procedures and practices for the postdoctoral sector
- As part of his/her professional development, the successful candidate may be required to participate in a limited capacity in departmental activities, such as teaching, student supervision, etc
- Applicants should have an interest in working as part of a team and will be expected to publish a minimum of two publication units per annum in DHET/ISI/IBSS accredited journals
- Candidates with environmental security background must have research experience in the field of wildlife security, community responses to wildlife crime and/or the structure and functioning of illicit wildlife economies.

### **Value and tenure**

The value of the fellowship is ZAR 200,000 tenable for one year, and may be renewed depending on satisfactory academic progress and the availability of funds. It is anticipated that successful applicants will be able to apply on a competitive basis for research expenses and travel support.

Note: The fellowship is compliant with SARS policies and is therefore exempt from taxation.

### **Application requirements**

- Curriculum Vitae including a list of publications
- A motivation letter in which the areas of expertise, research interests and future intentions of the applicant are described
- Certified copies of all academic transcripts
- An example of recent, original, non-professionally edited, written work such as a thesis chapter
- Contact details for 2 proposed referees who have been directly involved in the doctoral and/or previous postdoctoral research of the applicant.

Complete applications, including transcripts, letters etc. should be sent to: SafGo Administration, email: [liesel.collins@uct.ac.za](mailto:liesel.collins@uct.ac.za) by the **30 June 2017**  
Electronic submissions are preferred.

For more information contact Liesel Collins at +27 (0)21 650 4862.

### **Selection Process**

*Eligible and complete applications* will be considered by the Directors of SafGo and the Head of Department of Public Law. The University of Cape Town reserves the right to disqualify ineligible, incomplete and/or inappropriate applications. The University of Cape Town reserves the right to change the conditions of award or to make no awards at all.