



A.C. JORDAN CHAIR

Department of African Studies and Linguistics

Faculty of Humanities

The AC Jordan Chair is a prestigious Chair located in the Centre for African Studies in the newly established department of African Studies & Linguistics at the University of Cape Town. In seeking to fill this position, the university is looking for a senior scholar with a strong record of publication, a commitment to the interdisciplinary field of African Studies, and the drive and vision to implement a set of socially engaged research and decolonial intellectual projects across the institution and beyond. Scholars from across the continent, and particularly from the global south, are welcome to apply.

Requirements and responsibilities:

Specific tasks and responsibilities of the AC Jordan Chair in African Studies include the following:

- To strategically consolidate the Centre for African Studies as a cross-faculty platform for socially engaged research.
- To encourage and enable Africa-focused research and teaching across the institution, as part of the university's 2030 vision to enhance human capacity on the continent and in the global south.
- To establish partnerships and collaborations with institutions, projects, and individuals inside and outside of the academy, with the aim of strengthening ties between university-based researchers and modes of public scholarship and civic activism.
- To strengthen linkages with colleagues and universities across the continent of Africa and beyond, as part of an expanded knowledge network.
- To contribute to the graduate programme of the African Studies & Linguistics department and to provide student supervision.
- To take a lead in fund-raising and networking to support Africa-focused research.
- To raise the public profile of the department and the Centre for African Studies (including its Chairs and Research Units).
- To contribute to the collective intellectual leadership of the department of African Studies & Linguistics, and to play a role in the management and administration of the department.

In addition, it would be highly desirable if the candidate:

- Has an established research interest in histories of knowledge production in/ on Africa, and a critical awareness of the kinds of social and political contexts at work in the field of African Studies.
- contributes to and complement existing research directions in the department which are concerned with African and decolonial traditions of critical thought, debates and intellectual histories, public culture and heritage, indigenous knowledge systems, African languages, sociolinguistics, and land reform and restitution.
- Has a demonstrable ability to work in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary ways.
- Has an established set of networks and connections with organisations, institutions and individuals locally, across the continent of Africa, African diaspora, and across the global south.
- Has the ability to work as part of a team in a large interdisciplinary department to promote African studies at UCT and beyond.

The annual cost of employment, including benefits is **R 1 419 049**.

To apply, please e-mail the below documents in a **single pdf file** to Mr Ian Peterson at recruitment02@uct.ac.za

- UCT Application Form (download at <https://uct.ac.za/staff/internal-vacancies>)
- Cover letter, and
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Please ensure the title and reference number are indicated in the subject line.

An application which does not comply with the above requirements will be regarded as incomplete. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Telephone: 021 650 2620

Website: www.africanstudies.uct.ac.za/cas/projects/ac_jordan_chair

Reference number: E220428

Closing date: 02 December 2022

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