

OPEN CALL

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWS (2025)

DUT HAS 20 POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP POSITIONS OPEN FOR HIGHLY TALENTED INDIVIDUALS.

Durban University of Technology (DUT) is located on the warm east coast of South Africa. The university sprawls over five (5) campuses in tropical and picturesque Durban, and two (2) in Pietermaritzburg, with its undulating hills that flow over from the Drakensberg range of mountains. DUT, a member of the International Association of Universities, is a multi-campus university of technology at the forefront of higher education, technological training, research, and innovation.

Embedded in DUT's essence is the ENVISION2030 strategy, which was instituted in 2020. Its overarching framework, deeply rooted in core values of Transparency, Honesty, Integrity, Respect, and Accountability, along with principles of Fairness, Professionalism, Commitment, Compassion, and Excellence, forms the foundation of the institution. DUT's ENVISION2030 statement of intent highlights DUT's aspiration for its community: to be creative, innovative, entrepreneurial, and adaptive to global shifts. It envisions active participation in the development of not just the region but the entire world. Coupled with this is the belief that the state-of-the-art infrastructure and systems will significantly enhance this ecosystem to realise its vision.

The University's ultimate goal is to contribute towards improving the lives and livelihoods of all its people, both internal and external. DUT consistently strives towards excellence and greatness in teaching-learning and in research-innovation; something that was recognized recently when The Times Higher Education's World University Rankings placed DUT within the top 500 of universities in the world and within the top 5 universities in South Africa. The enactment of these internationally recognized strengths is demonstrated in the institution's impactful engagement internally and externally in service of its localities, the region and the country at large.

DUT has 20 new postdoctoral fellowships for the 2025 academic year. The DUT is seeking vibrant candidates who are interested in working on innovative solutions to problems, to position the university as an anchor institution located firmly within the region, and to transfer knowledge and research outputs for the benefit of society and its quad-helix partners.

The Postdoctoral Fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis, considering the candidate's academic achievements, potential as an independent researcher and the extent to which s/he meets the requirements of the call. Candidates are expected to have good organizational skills and the ability to work on a tight schedule; be able to work independently and collaboratively; have strong research and a good record of high-quality publications; ability to support multiple projects simultaneously in a fast-paced academic environment; strong working relationships with relevant stakeholders; ability to deliver and manage face-to-face educational programs while contributing to research and scholarship; ability to generate new novel research ideas and produce innovative research and the ability to write proposals for external funding.

REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants should:

1. Have a Doctorate that was obtained within the last five years
2. Provide evidence of publishing at least 2 to 3 articles (and/or creative outputs) as part of their Doctorate
3. Provide proof of a well-defined Research Focus Area and Plan that they will implement over a 2-year period; (Annual renewals will be performance- based and will align with the Postdoctoral Policy)
4. Identify a relevant research focus area or field at the University that their Research Focus Area aligns with
5. Provide proven ability to write and publish papers in accredited peer-reviewed journals
6. Commit to 2 years at DUT when appointed into a position. Should the candidate terminate the contract before then, they will be liable for a payback of the fellowship awarded to them as determined by the university
7. Provide proof that the DUT fellowship is the first and only position that they will be engaged in, if the application is successful.

Candidates should enquire about their research discipline/s before applying. See names listed in the table below for enquiries. Successful candidates will be expected to contribute to DUT's research productivity and impact in multidisciplinary research involving the multiple academic entities that are aligned to the university's strategic vision ENVISION2030.

FACULTY/INSTITUTE/ RESEARCH CENTRE	CONTACT PERSON	EMAIL ADDRESS	REFERENCE NUMBER/ REFERENCE CODE
Faculty of Accounting and Informatics	Prof Matthys Johannes Swanepoel	FAIPDF@dut.ac.za copied to grantsadministrator@dut.ac.za	PDF-2025-FAI
Faculty of Applied Sciences	Ms Kameshnee Mellem	FASPDF@dut.ac.za copied to grantsadministrator@dut.ac.za	PDF-2025-FAS
Faculty of Arts and Design	Dr Dianna Moodley	FADPDF@dut.ac.za copied to grantsadministrator@dut.ac.za	PDF-2025-FAD
Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment	Dr Keletso Mphahlele	FEBPDF@dut.ac.za copied to grantsadministrator@dut.ac.za	PDF-2025-FEBE
Faculty of Health Sciences	Dr Dumile Gumede	FHSPDF@dut.ac.za copied to grantsadministrator@dut.ac.za	PDF-2025-FHS
Faculty of Management Sciences	Prof Dumsile Hlengwa	FMSPDF@dut.ac.za copied to grantsadministrator@dut.ac.za	PDF-2025-FMS
Institute for Water and Wastewater Technology	Prof Faizal Bux	IWWTPDF@dut.ac.za copied to grantsadministrator@dut.ac.za	PDF-2025-W
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International Centre on Non-violence	Prof Dorcas Oyebisi Ettang	ICONPDF@dut.ac.za copied to grantsadministrator@dut.ac.za	PDF-2025-ICON

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to make an application.

NOTE: Closing date – **21 days from the date of Call opening.** An award will be cancelled if the fellowship is not taken up within three months.