



APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM INTERESTED PERSON(S) FOR THE UNDER MENTIONED POSITION. THE ADVERT IS OPEN TO BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL APPLICANTS

Department of Hospitality and Tourism

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

A Post-doctoral Fellow (PDF) supports research and other activities as specified by the Hosting entity. The Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme aims to provide opportunities for postdoctoral candidates to conduct innovative research, publish, and increase knowledge in the specified expertise. We, therefore, seek candidates who will fulfill the following objectives:

1. To place DUT at the forefront of research and innovation
2. To generate new knowledge and transfer knowledge and skills
3. To enable outstanding doctoral graduates to obtain experience of research and innovation at DUT
4. To provide an opportunity to promising young researchers from different universities to enhance their research skills and expertise
5. To expand on existing research and ideas and to pursue new lines of research
6. To interact with other academics and post-doctoral fellows
7. To emphasise an increase in publication outputs
8. To establish and enhance South African intellect
9. To develop knowledge for stakeholders such as the government, business, industry and social communities
10. To promote national and international conference attendance by post-doctoral fellows and the presentation of research papers at these conferences.

This advert is specifically seeking for applicants with the following research expertise:

- Tourism Management or equivalent (i.e., Sustainable Tourism/Heritage and Cultural Tourism/Event Management)
- Hospitality Management or Equivalent (i.e., Food and Beverage/Food Service Management/Hotel Management)
- Catering Management or Equivalent (i.e., Profesional Cookery/Culinary Arts)

Candidates who have Doctorates in Tourism and/or Hospitality Management, are encouraged to apply. Candidates with PhDs in Geography, Sociology, Marketing or Economics are welcome to apply, provided their doctoral thesis focused specifically on Tourism or Hospitality phenomena

For the fields labelled “**Reference Number**” or “**My Reference Code**”, use the following as applicable: PDF-2026-FMS

BACKGROUND

The Durban University of Technology is searching for passionate, results-oriented candidates as Post-Doctoral Research Fellows for the 2026 academic year. The successful candidates will conduct research

under the Department of Hospitality and Tourism on Hospitality or Tourism phenomena which builds directly on DUT's ENVISION2030, that prioritizes impactful scholarship, community engagement, and innovation for societal benefit.

SCOPE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Engaging in active research and publishing
- Publishing a minimum of 2 research units per annum in DHET- accredited journals.
- Playing an active co-supervisory role of postgraduate students.
- Submitting quarterly reports to the Project Leader.

1. VALUE PER ANNUM:

- R300 000

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Doctoral degree obtained within the last 5 years
- Proficiency in advanced quantitative methods (e.g., SEM, SPSS, R) or qualitative software (e.g., NVivo).
- Have published at least one article or submitted one for review

3. APPLICATION PROCESS

- a. **Apply online** at: [Application for admission as a Researcher \(PDF/RA/RF\) at DUT](#)
- b. Supporting documents must be **EMAILED** as ONE Combined PDF Document to nonkululekok@dut.ac.za (use your preferred email address)
- c. **Please do not use the** email address given on the website.
- d. Please use the code **PDF-2026-FMS** as the Reference Number and the My Reference Code.

4. Only applications with the reference number/code **PDF-2026-FMS** will be considered.

5. **DURATION OF TENURE:** 24 months, renewable annually, subject to evidence of progress and availability of funding.

6. **CLOSING DATE OF APPLICATIONS: 7 May 2026**

7. **POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP START DATE:** 1 July 2026

8. The following supporting documents must be **EMAILED** as ONE Combined PDF Document to nonkululekok@dut.ac.za (please provide the preferred email address).

Supporting documents submitted to any other email account **will not be considered nor opened:**

- a. A full Curriculum Vitae
- b. Official certified Academic transcripts of all degrees and the corresponding certified copies of the Degree certificates.
- c. A certified copy of the identity document details page or passport details page.
- d. Visa (required from successful International Researchers only).
- e. Medical certificate (required from successful International Researchers only. For SA Citizens and SA Permanent Residents, it is not required).
- f. Two reference letters, one of which must be from the Doctoral Supervisor.

Applications with incomplete documents will not be considered.