



EPRU

Environmental Policy Research Unit



CALL FOR POSTDOC CANDIDATE IN TANZANIA CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND TENURE

A postdoctoral fellowship in **Tanzania Climate Change and Land Tenure** is available immediately at the Environmental Economics Policy Research Unit (EPRU) in the School of Economics at the University of Cape Town.

EPRU's developmental goal, as part of the Environment for Development (EfD) initiative, is to enhance environmental policy-making in South Africa through rigorous policy training, research and extension in order to attain sustainable development and poverty reduction. EPRU seeks to enhance the interaction between academics, policy makers and civil servants in the environmental policy arena. EPRU's immediate goal is to promote quality and innovation in the training, research and advisory services on environmental policy in South Africa.

Candidates are expected to have completed all requirements for a PhD in economics (at most 5 years before commencement of the fellowship). In addition, only candidates who have not yet had any permanent professional or academic posts are eligible. The tenure of the fellowship is six months, and the award may be renewable up to a further two years contingent upon performance and obtaining further funding for the project. The value of the fellowship is R130 000. The Fellowship will be paid in 2 instalments during the semester. The University will apply for tax-exemption on behalf of the successful candidate. The fellowship value does not include benefits for travel/relocation costs, and no services are required by the University in return for this award. The successful applicant must be prepared to comply with the University's approved policies, procedures and practices for the postdoctoral sector.

The research topic (Tanzania Climate Change and Land Tenure) relates to the use of surveys and behavioural-experiments aimed at understanding how climate uncertainty and land tenure insecurity impact land use. The fieldwork will be conducted in Tanzania in the next 6 months. The successful applicant will assist in turning outputs from this project into co-authored, publishable working papers.

Additionally, the successful applicant will convert existing research outputs (for example, thesis chapters) into publishable journal articles and submit these articles to international journals.

The postdoctoral researcher will work directly with Professor Martine Visser.

Requirements include a strong background in a relevant field of economics (for example: behavioural economics) and experience in applied economic research methods (experience with Randomised Control Trials is an advantage), econometric analysis and statistical software.

To apply, please send a letter of application, a maximum of two-page CV (no certificates) and the names and email details of 3 academic referees to Felicity Downes (felicity.downes@uct.ac.za) and also copy in Martine Visser (Martine.Visser@uct.ac.za) by 24 July 2019.

NB: only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Conditions of award:

1. The Fellowship is only available to individuals within five years of their having obtained a doctoral degree, who have not previously held any permanent academic positions.
2. Since fellowships are awarded on an annual basis, this Fellowship is tenable from commencement until the end of 2019. The fellowship will be potentially renewable for a further two years based on evidence of satisfactory academic progress evaluated in December 2019, compliance with the conditions of award, and the availability of funds.
3. The value of the Fellowship will be R130 000. This is tax-free. This is paid up-front in quarterly installments.
4. No benefits for travel or travel allowances are included in the value of the fellowship. However, travel to project workshops will be funded by the Swedish EPA.
5. The successful candidate may, as part of their professional development, be required to participate in departmental activities such as limited teaching and supervision and duties incidental thereto.
6. The successful candidate will be required to register as Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the School of Economics at the University of Cape Town;
7. The successful candidate will be required to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) which is the legal contract between the university and the postdoc;
8. The successful candidate will be required enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Principal Investigator and adhere to the plans and agreements therein, and comply with the University's approved policies, procedures and practices for the postdoctoral sector.
9. The registration of a Postdoctoral Fellow may be cancelled at any time due to a material breach of contract and following a hearing, or on disciplinary grounds.
10. The Postdoctoral Fellow will be provided with office space and access to UCT's computing facilities, but will be expected to provide their own computer.
11. The Postdoctoral Fellow will be responsible for their own medical insurance, which is compulsory for international postdoc before registration, and will have access to UCT Student Health services.
12. A visa must be granted before entry into South Africa.
13. The Postdoctoral Fellow will be entitled to 15 days vacation leave per full year; this will be prorated in the case of a part-year fellowship.
14. Postdoctoral Fellows are not permitted to register for any degree whilst registered as a Postdoctoral Fellow at UCT. However, they may, with the permission of their PI, register for a course if this is deemed important for their research.

The University of Cape Town reserves the right to disqualify ineligible, incomplete and/or inappropriate applications, to change the conditions of the award and/or to make no award at all.