

**North-West University and University of Fort Hare-RAVAC: NWO-NRF Project:  
Water-Energy-Food communities in South Africa:  
Full time LLM Bursary for Black female student: 2022**

The Netherlands Science Research Foundation (NWO) and the South African National Research Foundation (NRF) awarded funding for a project entitled:  
*Water-Energy-Food communities in South Africa: multi-actor nexus governance for social justice?*

It is a multi-disciplinary project awarded to the University of Utrecht and University of Groningen in the Netherlands and the North-West University (NWU) and the University of Fort Hare (UFH) in South Africa.

This position is available for full-time post-graduate research students (LLM) registered full time at the NWU. The research must fit into the research topic and framework.

- **Full-time LLM position**  
One LLM position at the NWU.  
Available for 1-2 years, depending on satisfactory progress.
- **Full-time Post-Doctoral positions**  
One position at NWU and one at UFH.  
Available for 3 years, depending on satisfactory participation and research outputs.

### **RESEARCHER PACKAGE**

Researchers may expect:

1. Per annum the NRF Research Bursary subject to the NRF requirements, paid in instalments by evidence of progress:
  - LLM: R90 000-00 (full time once registered at NWU)
2. Specialised research skills development training – including on the use of multi- and interdisciplinary research methods.
3. A dynamic, yet flexible workspace and membership of an international inter-university research group.
4. The students will participate in both desktop and empirical research and will be supervised by the senior researchers at the NWU (Faculty of Law and AUTHeR).
5. Access to all of the research facilities and data-bases of the NWU.
6. Students may apply for additional post-graduate university bursaries at NWU.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Open to Black female South African citizen, for full-time research at the NWU.
- The NRF minimum academic requirements for postgraduate funding are as follows:
  - A minimum average of 65% for major subjects in the final undergraduate year of study for honours funding;
  - A minimum average of 65% of all subjects at the honours level OR a minimum average of 65% of all subjects at the Postgraduate diploma OR a minimum average of 65% of the final year subjects of a four-year degree for masters funding;
- Successful applicants may not hold full-time salaried employment during the fellowship.
- Successful applicants must be able to relocate to the NWU for the duration of the bursary.

The successful candidate will be required to:

- Conduct interdisciplinary research within the project: *The Water-Energy-Food communities in South Africa: multi-actor nexus governance for social justice?*
- The student must be prepared to travel and conduct empirical research in the Northern Cape/North West (NWU).
- Participate in research workshops and research activities of the Universities as well as the Research Consortium.
- Complete the registered qualification in the prescribed time.
- The post-doctoral fellows will also have to take a leadership role in the empirical research to be undertaken in the project.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR A RESEARCH POSITION:

To apply, please submit the following documents by **14 December 2021** to Prof Willemien du Plessis ([willemien.duplessis@nwu.ac.za](mailto:willemien.duplessis@nwu.ac.za)):

- A cover letter fully motivating the applicant's:
  - Suitability for the position
  - Interest in the position
  - Ability to further participate in a project relating to water-energy-food.
  - Research interests and future career plans
- Curriculum Vitae
- Proof of application / registration for post-graduate degree @ NWU for 2022.
- Official academic record (complete)
- Proof of previous research output e.g. a research paper, published article or dissertation.
- A reference letter in support of the information in the applicant's cover letter.

## SELECTION PROCESS

Only eligible and complete applications will be considered by the selection committee.