



## POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP: MINERAL LAW IN AFRICA 2024

June 2023

The DST/NRF SARCHI Research Chair: Mineral Law in Africa (“the Chair”) invites suitably qualified doctoral graduates to apply for a postdoctoral research fellowship. The Chair is keen to award the fellowship to an individual willing to explore issues in mineral resources law, or any of the Chair’s current research and teaching areas which are viewable on its website ([www.mlia.ac.za](http://www.mlia.ac.za)).

**The successful candidate(s) will be expected to participate in the Chair’s current research and teaching focus areas and should hence have experience of these areas or be keen to expand their research interest to these areas.**

The ability to publish and guide research in relation to Mining and Business (including issues of Labour Law, Investment Practice, Indigenisation / Local Content / BEE, Corporate Social Responsibility etc) Mining and the Environment, Minerals and the Energy Transition, Critical Minerals or Property in Natural Resources would be particularly attractive.

### **Conditions, Value and Tenure of the Fellowship:**

The postdoctoral fellowship is to commence in January 2024, or earlier where appropriate. The fellowship has a value of R 290,000 per annum, is tax-free and tenable for up to three years, on the basis of annual renewal upon satisfactory progress being made. Relocation costs are not funded. Modest funds (up to R20 000) are available upon application to the Principal Investigator for travel, research costs and conference presentations. The release of funds is dependent on satisfactory progress reported.

The fellow’s performance will be evaluated formally per semester, for which purpose the submission of progress reports will be required in June and October.

In addition to complying with all of the University’s policies, procedures and practises for the postdoctoral sector, the fellows will be expected, under the auspices of the Chair, to prepare at least three subsidy-bearing journal articles (or the equivalent) for publication for each commenced year of holding the fellowship.

The fellows will also be expected to support the operation of the Chair actively and will be given opportunities to develop their professional profile through teaching and/or postgraduate supervision experience, and exposure to the management and administration required for further academic career development.

The Chair also offers flexible workspace and infrastructure to support the execution of the fellow’s duties and deliverables. In addition, the fellow will be welcomed into a vibrant and dynamic community of researchers at the MLiA Chair and in the UCT Law Faculty.





#### REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicants must hold a doctoral degree which was awarded within the past 5 years, in any relevant field, but preferably Law; or must provide proof that their PhD examination process will be successfully completed by the time the fellowship is taken up, and no later than December 2024.
- There must be proximity between the applicants' receipt of the doctoral degree, and their assumption of the postdoctoral fellowship. In particular, applicants should not have held any previous permanent professional or academic posts.
- The successful candidate must be willing to reside in Cape Town and work at the MLiA Chair full time.
- The ideal candidate must be able to demonstrate his/her willingness and/or ability to be both a team player and a team leader.
- Applicants' good organizational and management skills; and excellent written and oral communication skills will be apparent from their curriculum vitae.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

The following would be advantageous in an application:

- An applicant's demonstrated ability to conduct research in a multi- and interdisciplinary environment.
- An applicant's established or emerging publication record demonstrating congruence between their research interests and the research areas outlined above and on the MLiA website.
- An applicant's prior experience in teaching at the undergraduate and postgraduate level in fields related to the research area of the MLiA Chair.
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#### Applications must include the following:

1. The applicant's full *curriculum vitae* and list of publications.
2. The names and contact details of at least two academics who have taught, supervised or worked alongside the applicant.
3. Certified copies of all academic transcripts and degree certificates.
4. A specimen of the applicant's writing, such as a journal article already published / accepted for publication or a chapter from the applicant's doctoral thesis.
5. A proposal of the coherent body of research to emanate from the fellowship, indicating the overarching research pursuit, and the workplan that will result in the required number of publications, with potential topics.

The Chair will consider only eligible and complete applications, submitted on or before **31 October 2023** to Prof Hanri Mostert, Faculty of Law, UCT, Private Bag X3, Rondebosch 7701. Enquiries and applications to: [mlia@uct.ac.za](mailto:mlia@uct.ac.za) with CC to [desiree.forbes@uct.ac.za](mailto:desiree.forbes@uct.ac.za).

Further information about the Chair is available on <http://www.mlia.uct.ac.za>.



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

## **Professor Hanri Mostert**

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