



FACULTY OF LAW

OPEN CALL POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWS 2026/2027



The University of Johannesburg is an international university of choice, anchored in Africa and the global South, dynamically shaping a sustainable future.

The University of Johannesburg (UJ) Faculty of Law invites applications for funded Postdoctoral Research Fellowships for the 2026/2027 academic year. The Faculty seeks outstanding early-career researchers, with particular interest in scholarship related to the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Applications addressing a broad range of legal research areas are also welcome.

Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis, taking into account academic excellence, research productivity, and potential for independent scholarship. The appointment is full-time and based in Johannesburg. Fellows may not hold any other employment or concurrent fellowships during the tenure of the award.

The fellowship provides R250,000 per annum (tax-free) for a 12-month period. Relocation and accommodation costs are not included.

Applications must meet the following criteria

- A PhD or Doctoral degree (NQF Level 10) awarded within the past five (5) years, or proof that the doctoral examination process will be completed prior to commencement of the fellowship.
- A comprehensive curriculum vitae, supported by one or more referee reports.
- A well-developed research proposal outlining the proposed research plan.
- Demonstrated ability to publish scholarly work in accredited peer-reviewed journals.
- Certified academic transcripts.
- Applicants must not be in full-time employment at the commencement of the fellowship or during its tenure.
- International applicants must submit a copy of a valid visa or residence permit.

Fellowships are normally awarded for a period of up to two (2) years, subject to the availability of funding. The application deadline is **15 May 2026 at 17:00**. Completed applications should be submitted to Lebohang Mokhomatha at mokhomathal@uj.ac.za.



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