

2026/2027 TUT POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS CALL

The Faculty of Arts and Design at the Tshwane University of Technology invites suitable applications for the position of Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Film program, Department of Visual Communication. Please indicate in the application form if you desire to complete the fellowship remotely.

Project call:

This call forms part of a project examining the rich and underexplored legacy of **female pioneers** in the **South African film history**. We are particularly interested in research that draws on archival materials to illuminate the contributions of women directors whose work, whether overtly political or subtly subversive, challenged dominant narratives of their time. This includes, but is not limited to, the revolutionary contributions of women filmmakers during the apartheid struggle and filmmakers active before or during the apartheid era whose films offered radical aesthetic, feminist, or queer interventions, whether through direct resistance or more understated critiques of gender roles, Afrikaner nationalism, and patriarchal structures. Projects that demonstrate strong critical analysis and a commitment to uncovering marginalised histories in South African cinema, including women technicians (cinematographers, editors, or production designers) are especially encouraged.

Minimum requirements:

- PhD, DPhil or Doctoral degree in Film Studies, or a relevant discipline-related qualification.
- The degree must have been obtained within five (5) years of applying for this fellowship.

Value of fellowship:

- R250,000 per annum.
- A R50,000 incentive bonus may be paid to Postdoctoral Research Fellows who exceeded the research output requirements annually.

Interested candidates may submit the following documentation to Dr Joyce Ringane: ringanejt@tut.ac.za

- A detailed CV including a list of all research/creative outputs.
- Certified copies of all relevant qualifications/certificates.
- Certified copy of the SAQA evaluation certificate (for international doctoral qualifications).
- Certified copy of the ID or passport.
- A one-page proposal explaining the project title and details linked to the research interests outlined in the call that you wish to pursue during the fellowship.

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Closing date for applications: **01 December 2025**

