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The programme in the **Anthropology of the First Thousand Days of Life** at the University of Cape Town examines how new forms of scientific knowledge, including epigenetics and neuroscience, are shaping policy and intervention in reproduction and early childhood.

The programme is offering **two Mellon-funded Postdoctoral grants to black South Africans.**

Postdoctoral position 1: Understanding infant mental health.

The Postdoctoral researcher will work closely with the PI of the 1000 Days programme, and the Infant Mental Health Project at the University of Stellenbosch, with the aim of (a) understanding the formation of a new field of knowledge; (b) tracking participant understandings of infant well-being; (c) tracing how participants respond to scientific arguments about well-being; and (d) assisting with the development of a southern-centred body of ideas about infant mental health.

Postdoctoral position 2. Implementing scientific knowledge

The Postdoctoral researcher will work closely with the PI of the 1000 Days programme to develop a project that explores the interface between social experience and scientific knowledge as it is implemented in government policy and NGO work. A prior dissertation in medical anthropology with a focus on reproduction, gender or childhood would be an advantage. The project falls into the 'Forms of Life' theme in the research programme – see www.thousanddays.uct.ac.za

Requirements.

- Postdoctoral research fellowships are only available to individuals who have achieved the doctoral degree **within the past 5 years.**
- The successful candidate will hold a PhD degree in Anthropology or cognate discipline (e.g – and not limited to – psychology, sociology) with experience in conducting ethnographic or qualitative research.
- They will be required to register for full-time study in Anthropology or cognate discipline at UCT and comply with the University's approved policies, procedures and practises for the postdoctoral sector.
- They may not previously have held full-time permanent professional or academic posts.
- Candidates will be expected to participate fully in the life of the project, to mentor junior scholars and to develop research and outputs.
- They may be invited to teach and supervise, subject to the limits on Postdoctoral researchers.

Value: The Postdoctoral grants are valued at R200 000 per annum, renewable on the basis of satisfactory academic progress and availability of funds. No benefits or allowances are included in the value of the fellowship

To apply: Send (i) a letter of application describing your work and how it fits with the themes above; a CV (including research activities and outputs); (ii) your academic transcripts; and (iii) two letters of reference from academics who have taught, supervised or worked alongside you.

Please send your query or completed application to Prof Fiona Ross (Fiona.Ross@uct.ac.za). By **30 November 2019.** Eligible and complete applications will be considered by a Departmental committee. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. The University of Cape Town reserves the right to disqualify ineligible, incomplete and/or inappropriate applications and to change the conditions of award or to make no awards at all.

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