

This call is for proposals for innovative, transdisciplinary research, grounded in real world challenges facing greater Johannesburg.

WITS SCHOOL OF GOVERNANCE
UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND, JOHANNESBURG



Call for Proposals

Application Details

Proposals should be brief but include the following:

- Research focus and background
- Research problem
- Research question/s
- Research aim
- Merit of the research and proposed contribution to the field
- Proposed research methodology
- Research plan

Postdoctoral applicants must include a clear plan for publications.

Proposals should demonstrate original contributions to intellectual and/or policy debates and break new theoretical and/or empirical ground.

Submissions:

The *Life in the City* project is hosted and run by the Wits School of Governance. However, successful applicants will be registered in a school relevant to their research, where their supervisor is based.

Please submit a brief proposal (5-15 pages), a letter of endorsement from your supervisor/s, CV and other documents you deem appropriate for the committee to consider (e.g. journal articles, etc.) to simone.smit@wits.ac.za no later than c.o.b. 30 June 2017.

PhD and Postdoctoral Scholarships for Multi/Trans/Anti-disciplinary Research

University of Witwatersrand, School of Governance

Life in the City: Understanding complexity and rapid change to create better and sustainable livelihoods for the people of Johannesburg



Johannesburg and Gauteng are grappling with a daunting set of policy challenges, creating 'wicked' problems for social, economic, cultural and environmental development. The focus and purpose of the *Life in the City* project is to invest in high-quality PhD and Postdoctoral students, working across disciplines, to develop a deeper understanding of the challenges facing the City and possible solutions.

The task of addressing complex societal problems is incommensurate with the problem-solving potential

of any single academic discipline. This project applies a multi/transdisciplinary focus to social problems. By bringing together multiple theoretical lenses and disciplinary perspectives, it will be possible to provide holistic perspectives on complex systems.

Applications for PhD and Postdoctoral research must include **two criteria**: (a) the research must be multi/trans/anti-disciplinary, and (b) it must tackle a 'real world' issue in Johannesburg. Proposals will be judged on merit, insight, focus and methodology.

PLEASE NOTE: Submissions without a supervisor endorsement will not be considered

For any queries please contact Simone Smit on 011 717 3809 or simone.smit@wits.ac.za

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