



SMUTS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN AFRICAN STUDIES

Vacancy reference: UA13222

Salary : £23,661

The Centre of African Studies invites applications for the Smuts Research Fellowship in African Studies, from candidates at the postdoctoral level in all disciplines within the humanities and social sciences. Ideally applicants will have gained a PhD (or equivalent) within the last five years or will have gained a PhD by the time of the appointment. Candidates should have excellent research ability in a field which fits with the interdisciplinary ethos of the Centre. The appointment will be from 1 October 2012 for a period of three years, and is non-renewable.

The Smuts Research Fellow will be expected to carry out an approved programme of research relating to Africa, to participate in the life of the Centre, and to contribute a small amount of teaching for the MPhil in African Studies. The prospectus of the MPhil can be found at: <http://www.african.cam.ac.uk/mphil.html>. The precise nature of the teaching contribution is open to discussion, but we would require the Fellow to be present and available to teach in either Michaelmas or Lent term each year.

The Fellow will also be involved in organising the Centre's seminar programme and colloquia, and to take part (where appropriate) in the Cambridge/Africa Collaborative Research Programme which each year brings a group of African scholars to Cambridge for a period of six months.

To apply:

Please complete a Chris6 (sections 1 and 3 only)

<http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/forms/chris6/>

and send it together with a covering letter, a copy of your c.v. plus a brief description (not more than 1,500 words) of your intended research. Three academic reference letters are to be sent directly to the Centre. The closing date for applications is 9 March 2012. Interviews will take place in May 2012.

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Further details

**The Centre of African Studies was established in 1965 by path-breaking anthropologist Dr Audrey Richards. The Centre supports teaching on Africa at the University of Cambridge through its library and through its seminar series. It also acts as a platform for interdisciplinary research, bringing the University's Africanists together with scholars from African, American, and European universities.**

The Centre belongs to the School of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Cambridge. Most [Cambridge academics](#) pursuing scholarly work on Africa hold faculty and/or college posts, but gravitate around the Centre and are members of its [Managers' Committee](#), the body entrusted with the general running of the institution.