



Call for Applications: Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (2-Year, Tax-Free)

Stellenbosch University (SU) is firmly committed to the pursuit of knowledge, research and innovation, in service of society. We provide a world-class centre for learning and development, which is globally relevant, yet rooted in the upliftment and transformation of our local communities. The Centre for Epidemic Response and Innovation (CERI) at SU invites applications from dedicated postdoctoral scholars for a 2-year fellowship to contribute to a transdisciplinary research project:

"The Impact of Extreme Weather Events on the Mental Health of Vulnerable Populations in Africa."

Project Overview:

This project employs mixed methods to explore the effects of extreme weather events (EWEs) on mental health among vulnerable populations in Burkina Faso, Kenya, Mozambique, and South Africa. The qualitative component utilizes a participatory approach, with digital storytelling as the primary data collection method. Community members will actively engage in research design, data generation, and analysis. Civil society stakeholders will also collaborate to interpret the findings and develop intervention strategies. By partnering with affected communities, civil society, and the media, the research aims to drive impactful advocacy and policy change.

Key Responsibilities:

- Produce high-quality research outputs and documentation.
- Lead qualitative and participatory research, including data generation and analysis.
- Combine qualitative results with clinical, demographic, and geographic data for integrative analysis.
- Manage project administration across multiple sites.
- Facilitate communication among project teams and community partners.
- Support digital media efforts in creating digital stories to amplify research findings.
- Deliver an online training program to upskill the research team.

Minimum requirements for the Postdoctoral research fellowships:

- PhD in a relevant social science field (completed within the last 5 years).
- Strong publication record as first or senior author.
- Expertise in thematic analysis and software like NVivo or ATLAS.ti.
- Experience with participatory research preferred.
- Demonstrated skill in high-quality research and data analysis.

How to apply:

- Deadline for applications: **15 November 2024**
- [Click here](https://t.ly/o4x3w) to apply /use this link [<https://t.ly/o4x3w>]
- For more information, contact Dr. Astrid Treffry-Goatley astrid222@sun.ac.za
- Start date is January 2025 but can be flexible based on candidate needs.