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Postgraduate Study opportunities in the School of Journalism and Media Studies at Rhodes University

We are looking for exceptional students committed to a research career who have demonstrated critical thinking and who are interested in probing and understanding the nexus of the large political questions now current in the Global South (and specifically in Africa and South Africa); mediation in the digital age; and forms of subjectivity, agency and social belonging.

Black South African and women candidates are urged to apply.

Mellon-funded scholarships in the Media and Sociality research programme

The postgraduate programme in Media and Social Belonging (funded by the Andrew W Mellon Foundation) is now accepting applications for both study and scholarships for Honours, Masters and Doctorate. The key question of the study programme is: what kinds of sociality are constituted by different forms of media and how do these (forms of sociality) speak to issues of social belonging and calls for social change? Our programme is framed by historical ways of being and belonging, and how these were transformed through colonialism. The foci of the programme are Coloniality, Digitality and Sociality and the interconnections between them.

- 7 scholarships for Honours students for one year at R90 000 per student
- 2 scholarships for doctoral students at R125 000 per year for three years of study
- 1 postdoctoral position at R200 000 for one year (renewable for one year)

Queries to Prof Lynette Steenveld at l.steenveld@ru.ac.za

NRF-funded scholarships in the Licence to Talk research project

The debates that are taking place in the South African public domain are a battle over regimes of truth. This study has two focuses: firstly to ascertain the shifts and ruptures in what is said and what is sayable in the South African public sphere at this present moment in our post-apartheid history. It aims to discern underlying regimes of truth and assess how these are being challenged by a new generation of activists and intellectuals. The study also seeks to assess whether listening theory offers new practices for those conducting public debates, discussions and engagements, whether they be face to face encounters, via the media or on social media, or a mix of all of these.

- 1 doctoral scholarship at R120 000 per year for two years
- 1 MA scholarship at R90 000 per year for two years.
- 1 postdoctoral position at R220 000 for one year (renewable for one year)

Queries to Prof Anthea Garman at a.garman@ru.ac.za

To apply:

Please send the following documents to Belinda de Lange at ammadmin@ru.ac.za by Monday 18 November 2019:

- Academic transcripts of degrees to date
- Motivation letter for joining either the Media and Sociality programme OR the NRF Licence to Talk project (please be specific) and the level you will be applying for.
- An indication of whether you are applying for a bursary. Specify whether you are interested in joining the programme regardless of whether you will be awarded a bursary.

- A recent piece of academic/research writing.
- An up-to-date CV.
- The formal Rhodes University application form available from http://www.ru.ac.za/postgraduategateway/