



Advancing Womxn Postgraduate Fellowships in Oceanography and Atmospheric Sciences 2019 – 2023

The Oceanography Department at the University of Cape Town has multiple M.Sc. and Ph.D. fellowships available as part of the new Advancing Womxn Initiative championed by the Office of the Vice-Chancellor. These highly prestigious fellowships for black¹ womxn or trans² students include bursary support for the duration of the degree, registration fees, relocation costs, field gear, a laptop, and participation in a leadership and mentorship programme.



All applicants should be passionate about scientific research, curious about the environment, hard-working, and able to work independently and in a team. To apply, email your academic transcripts, a short academic/professional CV, and a one page letter of motivation to Dr. Katye Altieri, katye.altieri@uct.ac.za. Email Dr. Altieri with any questions regarding the fellowship or application process. Applications for 2019 will be accepted until June 1, 2019 and applications for 2020 will be accepted until November 30, 2019.

Research opportunities are available in numerical modelling, ocean observations, and marine and atmosphere biogeochemistry. Applicants should indicate their area of interest in their letter of motivation. Previous experience in oceanography or atmospheric sciences is not required; however, a background in science or maths is strongly preferred. The primary criteria for selection of the fellows will be academic excellence and demonstration of leadership potential. Currently enrolled UCT Oceanography M.Sc. and Ph.D. students are eligible for a modified version of the fellowship and should submit a full application for consideration.

Preference will be given to South African candidates.

¹ Black in this case means Black African or Coloured. We recognize that these categories are problematic and socially constructed, but they are being used here in order to identify historically disadvantaged groups, specifically those that have been excluded from oceanography and atmospheric sciences in the past and remain underrepresented.

² Trans/transgender: An umbrella term for people whose gender identity and/or expression is different from cultural expectations based on the sex they were assigned at birth. Being trans does not imply any specific sexual orientation (an inherent or immutable enduring emotional, romantic, or sexual attraction to other people). [Definition courtesy of hrc.org]