CALL FOR APPLICATION

Masters and PhD Fellowships

Project on ‘What’s at Stake in the Fake: Indian pharmaceuticals, African markets and global health’

The Department of Anthropology at the University of the Witwatersrand in collaboration with the University of Warwick and the University of Amsterdam is looking to award a Masters and two PhD fellowships to junior researchers to carry out ethnographic research on the circulation, regulation and consumption of pharmaceuticals in South Africa, Tanzania and India. The project, funded by the Wellcome Trust, is particularly concerned with the figure of fake medication, how people negotiate fakeness in relation to health and wellbeing in their everyday lives, and how the issue of fakeness has become an important commentary on and arbiter of the uneven effects produced by a global pharmaceutical market and the spread of global health.

The project seeks junior researchers who have a keen interest in questions of medical anthropology and/or pharmaceutical anthropology and/or questions of formal and informal regulation of markets, health and commodities and/or India Ocean studies.

Previous qualitative/ethnographic research experience is highly desirable. One of the projects will be placed in Tanzania. Therefore, language proficiency in Swahili or the willingness to learn it are essential, as well as the willingness to spend extensive research and study time both in South Africa and in Tanzania. MA and PhD candidates will be officially based at the University of the Witwatersrand but will get the opportunity to spend some study time at the University of Amsterdam or the University of Warwick. The project offers the possibility for the research to be part of and regularly discuss their work with a wider research team which stretches across Southern Africa, India and Europe.

The MA fellowship is for one year. The PhD fellowships are for four years. They are endowed with a monthly stipend and research budget.

Review of applications will begin 1 December 2018.

To apply, please send your CV, a sample of writing, a motivation letter outlining your interest in the subject, and the name and details of two possible referees to Prof. Julia Hornberger at Julia.Hornberger@wits.ac.za.

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