



Second Call: Masters /Phd/Post-Doctoral Grants: Five Hundred Year Archive Project, UCT

The Archive and Public Culture Research Initiative (APC) at the University of Cape Town has recently launched the first phase of a promising new project, the Five Hundred Year Archive (FHYA). This project builds on a resurgence of interest in the history of Southern Africa in the five-hundred year period before the advent of colonialism, with a focus on the Kwa-Zulu Natal region. It aims to make a research intervention that, amongst other things, will bring together a variety of institutional and discipline-specific archival materials into a single, searchable framework, in the form of an online portal or aggregator.

The project has a small number of linked bursaries. We invite students who are interested in the history of Southern Africa (particularly Swaziland, KwaZulu-Natal and the North Eastern Cape regions) between 1700-1830 and/or students with an interest in digital collections, meta aggregators and user interface development, to make an application. Students based in various disciplines including the creative and performing arts, digital media, libraries, sciences and education are encouraged to apply.

Interested individuals to please send an abstract outlining relevant research areas and a short CV. Enquiries and applications to be sent to FYA Project Manager, Grant McNulty (grant.mcnulty@uct.ac.za)

Funding opportunities available 2014 onward. Students will need to be registered at UCT by 31 May 2014 in order to receive the full grant.

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