

Zeitz MOCAA & University of the Western Cape (UWC) Museum Fellowship Programme

Open Call

The Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (Zeitz MOCAA) and the University of the Western Cape (UWC) are pleased to announce a year-long Museum Fellowship Programme developed to educate a new generation of art and museum professionals in Africa. Starting in 2022, the Zeitz MOCAA & University of the Western Cape (UWC) Museum Fellowship Programme aims to contribute towards a redefinition of curatorial practice as well as art history scholarship on contemporary art discourse from the continent. This pan-African programme endeavours to foster knowledge production around curatorial practice, arts administration and heritage management. It offers fellows exposure to museum practice facilitated by Zeitz MOCAA senior staff and is underpinned by academic rigour in contemporary art scholarship facilitated by the University of the Western Cape's outstanding faculty in the field of humanities.

Zeitz MOCAA continues to position itself as a civic space – as an active agent that caters to and nurtures society. As a site for public dialogue, exhibitions, research and collection, the institution promotes narratives that are essential to the construction of our societies. The museum is a site for the conversations, debates and storytelling that contemporary art enables. The University of the Western Cape (UWC) is an internationally acclaimed higher education institution rooted in local political liberation histories and has established itself as a premier institution for quality education as well as a site that nurtures the growth of a future generation of thinkers. It is committed to excellence in teaching, learning and research, and to responding in critical and creative ways to the needs of a society in constant flux.

During this 12-month museum fellowship programme, fellows will enrol in courses at the University of the Western Cape's History Department and Centre of Humanities Research (CHR) while obtaining work experience at Zeitz MOCAA in the Curatorial, Collection Management, Art Education and Institutional Advancement departments. Fellows will also engage in discourse around contemporary art, curatorial practice, art education, conservation, heritage, and museology from Africa and the African diaspora. The programme is based in Cape Town which is fast becoming a major global art centre. As a result, the programme will offer fellows a rich exploration of the fundamental networks and systems that contribute towards the city's art and heritage ecosystem.

The Zeitz MOCAA & University of the Western Cape (UWC) Museum Fellowship Programme is ideal for individuals who are interested in further developing their careers in art museums, galleries, art centres, private and public collection management, biennials, art publishing, art festivals and

related fields. In addition, successful fellows will actively contribute to the research, planning, execution and management of Zeitz MOCAA projects, ranging from exhibitions, publishing and public programming to art education and fundraising.

The programme is modelled on a one-year tenure where fellows will study and work with both institutions towards an accredited BA Honours qualification. The programme covers tuition, accommodation, basic health insurance and a monthly stipend. Travel and visa costs are not included.

The five successful applicants will be expected to participate in the full 12-month study programme on a full-time basis starting February 2022 and ending in February 2023. Eligible applicants will preferably hold a bachelors degree in art, heritage or museum studies or other relevant humanities field, with a demonstrated capacity to work at a postgraduate level; knowledge of contemporary art and heritage from Africa and the African diaspora; excellent writing skills; 2-3 years of relevant work experience; citizenship of an African country; and proficiency in English.

Both Zeitz MOCAA and the University of the Western Cape (UWC) celebrate diversity in all its forms, including gender, ethnicity and sexual orientation.

Deadline for Application: **30 September 2021**

Only successful applications will be contacted by **30 October 2021**

Only the first 200 applications will be considered.

The application form can be accessed [here](#).