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The Sigrid Rausing Trust

A Programme for Refugees & Scholars at Risk at the University of Cape Town (UCT) Eric Abraham Academic Visitorships (EAAV)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPPORTUNITY

The University of Cape Town (UCT) in partnership with the Sigrid Rausing Trust announces a new opportunity to benefit academic scholars at risk.

The proposed opportunity is aimed at helping academic scholars who are at political risk in African countries, and/or those academics within African countries at risk through lack of resources and governmental support, many of whom are women. It will include some academics defined as 'at risk' through the New York - based *Scholars at Risk* organization.

OBJECTIVES

- To promote African research in areas where either the research topic or the researcher is at risk
- To enable talented but disenfranchised academics bring their research into the global arena
- To promote the opportunity for on-going collaborative African research projects and interactions at UCT.

STRUCTURE

The Programme of 27 Visitorships varying from 3 months to 12 months duration started in 2007. 'At risk' academics will be able to further their studies at UCT, to build their CVs, and re-establish their careers. Candidates will be selected based on their ability to add to academic endeavour, whether they can be suitably housed within the various host faculties and their departments, and on their need¹.

¹ UCT has six Faculties – Commerce including Africa's leading Business School, Engineering & the Built Environment, Humanities, Health Sciences, Law, and Science.

THE HOST UNIVERSITY

The host university is the University of Cape Town, South Africa <http://www.uct.ac.za>

THE VISITORSHIPS

The Programme proposes three categories of Visitorships. Each candidate will receive a comprehensive package of support – return airfare, visa costs, board and lodging at UCT's All Africa House (a purpose built academics/ senior postgraduate residence on UCT Middle Campus and adjacent to all the key faculties), a stipend, a laptop computer (where needed), which in some cases will become the property of the visiting fellow, medical insurance, and also a contribution towards the costs of the host academic department.

Category 1: This category includes two types of 'at risk'. i.e academic scholars at risk from within Africa; identified as 'persecuted from despotic countries' or as those being 'at risk to academia through lack of resources, lack of support - in particular women'. On selection, they will be offered a **12 month** Visitorship. Two to three places will be available per year. ***ONLY applications from all African countries are invited.***

Category 2: This provides Visitorships as above, in Category 1, but for a shorter period of **6 months**. ***ONLY applications from all African countries are invited.***

Category 3: This category is aimed at 'at risk' scholars beyond Africa (i.e. non-African countries), identified by the *Scholars at Risk* organisation (SAR) based in New York. They will provide added academic breadth at UCT for a **3-4 month / one semester** visitorship. Some of the candidates may already have some support from the SAR, and if so, aspects of the budget items would not apply – e.g. the stipend and lap-top computers. Each will be judged on a case-by-case basis. Two to three places will be available per year. ***ONLY applications from Non-African countries, through Scholars at Risk.***