

We invite applications for a
POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW (PDRF)
in Occupational Hygiene

As a PDRF, you will have the opportunity to work with leading experts in the field and collaborate with industry partners to advance our understanding of workplace hazards and promote safe and healthy working environments. You will be involved in cutting-edge research projects, data analysis, and dissemination of findings through publications and presentations at conferences. Our programme offers a supportive and collaborative environment where you can build your skills and expand your knowledge base. You will have access to mentorship from experienced researchers and professionals in the field. You will primarily form part of the project where Occupational Hygiene professionals' knowledge and experience regarding the skin as an exposure route is evaluated, and furthermore the development of an educational programme to enhance the knowledge in the field.

This is a full-time Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship funded through the NWU Post-Doctoral Programme. The fellowship carries a value of **R320 000 (tax-free) per annum**, once-off translocation costs, and **R50 000** per annum research funding.

Commencement as soon as possible and the fellowship is available for three years. The PDF position is reviewed on an annual basis and continuation thereof is subject to performance evaluation. The PDF will be based in **Potchefstroom** (based on the location of OHHRI and the host).

Key responsibilities:

- Conduct independent research on the specific research topic (further education in the skin as an exposure route) within occupational hygiene.
- Review relevant literature to inform your research and to stay up-to-date with the latest developments in the field.
- Collaborating with other researchers, including principal investigators, graduate students, interns and other post-doctoral fellows, to contribute to team projects and share knowledge and expertise.
- Publish research findings in high-impact journals.
- Present research findings at conferences to communicate findings to the scientific community and other stakeholders.
- Assist with writing grant proposals and developing research plans.
- Assist in capacity development at the NWU through active interaction and mentoring of graduate students and co-supervision of postgraduate students.

Minimum requirements:

- A PhD degree in Occupational Hygiene, Industrial Hygiene or Exposure Science or related discipline obtained within the five years prior to submitting this application.
- Publication record with a minimum of 3 ISI-rated publications or presentations at national and international conferences
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- The applicant should have the ability to work independently.
- Valid driver's license.

If you are interested in applying, please submit the following documentation:

1. A letter of motivation, detailing your relevant experience, research interests and current research activities.
2. A Curriculum Vitae including a list of publications and the names and contact details of at least two references.
3. Certified copy of PhD degree.
4. Certified copy of identification document or passport.

The closing date for applications is **30 April 2026**.

Submission and enquiries may be directed to Prof Anja Franken at anja.franken@nwu.ac.za

NWU-OHHRI reserves the right not to appoint any applicants to this position as advertised.