



Postdoctoral Research Fellowship 2026

The Centre for Comparative Law in Africa (CCLA) is a research unit in the Department of Commercial Law, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town (UCT). The CCLA also offers postgraduate courses that engage with current developments in regional integration and business law in Africa. CCLA research feeds into its teaching programme, and researchers present seminars on its graduate courses.

Value, Tenure and Conditions of the Fellowship

Fellowship value: R300,000 with no benefits attached.

Commencement: January 2026 or as soon thereafter as possible.

Duration: 12 months.

Eligibility: To be considered for this specific award, an applicant must have completed or successfully undergone examination for a PhD within the past five years in a field aligned to the Centre's research track on Africa-China relations and investment governance.

The successful applicant will have the opportunity to supervise research at the CCLA.

Applicants previously employed in full-time academic positions will not be considered.

This is a full-time appointment and a fellow may not hold any concurrent appointment.

The successful applicant will be required to comply with UCT's approved policies, procedures, and practices for the postdoctoral sector.

Application Documents to be emailed to Victor.Amadi@uct.ac.za by 15 December 2025:

- A covering letter indicating research experience and interests.
- A curriculum vitae, including the names and contact details of two referees.
- A two-page summary of your doctoral research **or** a published paper, if any.
- A one-page research proposal for the fellowship year.
- Copies of all academic transcripts and degree certificates.

The University reserves the right to change the conditions or to make no award at all.

Terms and Conditions of Award

- In addition to complying with the University's policies, procedures and practices for the postdoctoral sector, the fellow is expected to produce, within the fellowship year, a book manuscript on a theme that advances the subject of the fellow's doctoral research.
- In lieu of a book manuscript, a fellow may opt to produce and submit three research papers to accredited journals. A research paper or more, may also be produced in addition to a book manuscript.
- The fellow is expected to support the academic programme of the CCLA, and to this end, will be given opportunities for professional development through involvement in teaching and supervision.
- This is a full-time position based in Cape Town and fellows may not hold any other full-time appointment for the duration of the fellowship year.
- The tenure of the fellowship is one year, with the possibility of renewal for a second year, subject to satisfactory progress and funding availability.
- The value of the fellowship for 2026 is R300,000 and the fellowship does not cover benefits, travel, or relocation costs.
- The first fellowship instalment will be released to the fellow upon registration, while the second instalment is dependent on satisfactory progress, reported by the fellow and confirmed by the Principal Investigator, by way of a progress report by 30 June 2026.
- A final progress report for the fellowship year is to be submitted by 15 December 2026.
- The fellow is expected to work from the CCLA offices at UCT for the duration of the fellowship, as far as the fellow's permit (where applicable) allows.
- Questions may be directed to CCLA PDRF Lead Dr Victor Amadi at: Victor.Amadi@uct.ac.za