



CUT-W&RSETA
**RESEARCH
LEADERSHIP
CHAIR**

Shaping Skills in Food Safety Culture and Sustainability

W&RSETA POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

The Wholesale and Retail Sector Education and Training Authority (W&RSETA), in partnership with Research Leadership Chair, is offering Postdoctoral Research Fellowships as part of its bursary programme. This initiative supports dynamic scholars conducting innovative, sector-relevant research aligned with the W&RSETA Research Agenda and national priorities.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Support the implementation and update of CUT-W&RSETA Research Leadership Chair.
- Research Agenda.
- Participate in ongoing research projects.
- Develop research tools, methodology, and implementation plan.
- Data gathering and analysis.
- Research report writing.
- Research Leadership Chair Learning (RLCL) reporting and participation.
- Presentation and reporting of outcomes and recommendations.
- Contribute to the CUT-W&RSETA Research Leadership Chair summative research
- Participate in the CUT-W&RSETA Research Leadership Chair sector data collection activities such as stakeholder consultation.
- Industry engagement (Wholesale and Retail sector).

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- A PhD qualification in a relevant field such as Economics, Development Studies, Public Management and Governance/Administration, or a related discipline within the Wholesale and Retail sector.
 - The PhD must have been obtained within the last five (5) years. Candidates who have submitted their thesis and are awaiting final conferral may also be considered.
 - Demonstrated potential as an independent researcher, with a strong academic track record.
 - Proven experience in handling and analyzing large-scale datasets.
 - Strong research, analytical, and report-writing skills.
 - Experience with data analysis tools and methodologies will be an added advantage.
 - A track record of academic publications or research outputs will be advantageous.
 - The fellowship is awarded for a period of 12 months.
 - Successful candidates will be expected to work closely with designated CUT-W&RSETA Research Leadership Chairs and contribute to the implementation of the W&RSETA Research Agenda.
 - Fellows will be required to produce high-quality research outputs, including reports, and peer-reviewed publications.
 - A comprehensive Curriculum Vitae (CV), including contact details of at least three referees.
 - A research proposal (clearly outlining the research topic, objectives, methodology, and expected outputs) aligned with the CUT-W&RSETA Research Leadership Chair.
 - A brief work plan indicating how the research will be undertaken over the 12-month fellowship period.
 - Preference will be given to South African citizens from designated groups, in line with national imperatives.
 - Applications from persons living with disabilities are strongly encouraged.
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- Applications must be accompanied by certified copies of all qualifications and a certified copy of the applicant's ID document, not older than six (6) months at the time of application.
 - Only candidates who meet the minimum requirements should apply. Applicants who have previously benefited from this programme are not eligible to apply.
 - All applications must be submitted via email to dmachaka@cut.ac.za on or before **22 May 2026**, for the attention of Mrs Dimakatso Machaka.

Please note that no late applications will be accepted.

CUT-W&RSETA Research Leadership Chair reserves the right not to make any appointment to the advertised positions.

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