

*Chair for Critical Studies in Higher Education Transformation (CriSHET)*

**Call for Applications: Masters and Doctoral Programme  
2019**

The Chair for Critical Studies in Higher Education Transformation (CriSHET), headed by Prof André Keet, is inviting applications for prospective or current research masters and PhDs to join its dynamic team.

Located broadly within critical conceptions of social justice and transformation in higher education, CriSHET's focus is on producing and promoting original scholarship that critically analyses patterns of *inclusion* and *exclusion* and configurations of *recognitions* and *misrecognitions* within higher education.

Some themes of interest include, but are not limited to: the Institutional cultures of higher education institutions; the student and staffing environments at universities; the social and cultural environments at universities; the teaching, research and intellectual cultures at universities; the role of universities in society (engagement), and its political economy; the social structure of the academy and the construction of academic identities; the power-relations embedded within the organisation of knowledge, its disciplines and disciples, the politics of knowledge and academic publishing; and the mechanics of authority and power within knowledge generation processes, research subjects, objects, topics and trends.

Visit our website for further information: <http://crishet.mandela.ac.za/>

Students from all disciplines and knowledge fields are welcome to apply. We are particularly interested in students who can and are interested in working in a challenging inter- and transdisciplinary environment which seeks to advance critical research and disrupt hegemonic scholarship on higher education transformation.

Your application should consist of the following:

- Completed application form (these are also available for downloading from the website under 'Opportunities');
- A motivation letter (500 - 750 words) explaining the research topic or theme that interests you for further studies, your reason for wanting to pursue graduate studies, and how you believe you and your intended research could contribute towards CriSHET's purpose and vision.
- Prospective Masters and Doctoral students should respectively submit a 5 and 10 page draft research proposal (includes complete reference list).

Applications should be forwarded to [CriSHET@mandela.ac.za](mailto:CriSHET@mandela.ac.za) with the subject line: **Application – Graduate studies 2019**. Final date for submission: **12h00, on 31 October 2018**

If you have any queries you are welcome to contact [Avivit.Cherrington@mandela.ac.za](mailto:Avivit.Cherrington@mandela.ac.za)

*Short-listed candidates will be invited for an interview at our offices in Bird Street Campus.*