

**OPPENHEIMER MEMORIAL TRUST**  
**HARRY OPPENHEIMER FELLOWSHIP AWARD**

**2011**

An Award for Excellence in Scholarship in all its Forms

- The Trust is calling for nominations from South African Universities, Universities of Technology, Science Councils, Research & Policy Institutes, and other institutions or agencies of similar national standing
- The Trust will also consider applications from individuals who do not have specific institutional affiliations
- The closing date for written applications or nominations is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011
- Incomplete submissions will not be considered
- Short-listed candidates or finalists should be available for interviews on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> & / or Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2011
- One Award will be made at the discretion of the Trustees
- All written submissions should be delivered to the Manager of the Trust:

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No. 9 St. David's Park  
St. David's Place  
Parktown 2193*

The Trust was established in 1958 by the late Mr Harry Oppenheimer in memory of his father, Sir Ernest, and has a long tradition of investing in education and related fields. The Harry Oppenheimer Fellowship was initiated by the Trustees some eleven years ago and is the Trust's most prestigious award.

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This Award focuses unambiguously on excellence. It is granted to candidates of the highest calibre to enable them to undertake a programme of cutting edge, internationally significant work

The Award carries a monetary value of up to R1.0 million

### 1) The Guiding Principles

- \* The Award seeks to attract candidates of exceptional ability and "big ideas" in any discipline
- \* It is intended to enable scholars based in South Africa to undertake a programme of work for a period of up to one year, by making possible full-time concentration on the work, contact with outstanding peers (locally or in foreign countries) and adequate logistic resources
- \* Further, it aims to strengthen relationships and partnerships between local institutions, foreign institutions and the Trust and build research excellence while stimulating scholarship in academic life

### 2) Criteria

The Trust will consider candidates who:

- \* are residents of South Africa (age is not a factor in selection)
- \* are well established in their field
- \* are leading scholars who have undertaken advanced research for many years (the Award is not for the purposes of studying towards a higher degree)
- \* are outstanding achievers with a track record of sustained intellectual effort at the highest level
- \* present submissions that describe a clearly focused and specific project
- \* demonstrate a capacity and commitment to the transfer of skills and knowledge to fellow South Africans

Special consideration will also be given to the following points:

- \* The value of the proposed work: its particular application to teaching, research and development in South Africa; its potential to push the frontiers of knowledge in the given field or area of interest; its contribution to the advancement or application of knowledge in the service of society
- \* The effectiveness and practicability of the programme proposed and its feasibility in the given timeframe
- \* The candidate's proven achievement and his or her ability to profit from the use of the Award. By proven achievement the Trust would be looking for candidates who have: attracted research funding on a competitive basis; published in international peer-reviewed journals of high standing; extensive publications in the form of scholarly books or other works; successfully supervised postgraduate students to completion; secured invitations to, and seats on, international bodies and institutions, etc