

HIDDEN YEARS MUSIC ARCHIVE



Scholarships for Masters, PhD and Postdoctoral Research

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for Masters, PhD and postdoctoral scholarships to be financed by a grant from the National Research Foundation (NRF) for research into the Hidden Years Music Archive.

The Archive, currently under the private ownership of 3rd Ear Music Company (<http://www.3rdear.com>), represents a valuable resource of indigenous knowledge comprising decades of 'alternative' South African words and music, recorded live or in studio productions. A mix of political, commercial, traditional, contemporary and community recordings, the Archive also includes photos, programmes and posters from coffee bars, concerts, shebeens, festivals, and mine hostels. Its music embraces such diverse styles as Urban Folk, Township Jazz, Country Rock and Maskanda.

The project aims to create an online resource on indigenous South African music and associated cultural heritage, so as to promote multidisciplinary research into the field of popular music and culture.

Expressions of interest are now sought. Many research topics are possible: examples include a focus on describing, digitising and preserving the Archive, using digital library technology for online web delivery; intellectual property management; and musical and cultural analyses of the Archive's holdings. The project is expected to generate multidisciplinary research interest in the fields of Library and Information Studies, Music, English, History, Politics, Law, and Education.

Applicants should be in a position to start their studies in February 2006. In addition to the completed form, applications should include a letter of motivation explaining the applicant's research interest in the archive, a CV, and a full academic record. Preference will be given to South African citizens. Successful candidates will be expected to conduct appropriate independent and team research.

Further information can be obtained from Ms Leanne Munsami: phone (031) 260 1705, or e-mail: munsamil@ukzn.ac.za Postgraduate application forms can be obtained from the University of KwaZulu-Natal web site, at <http://www.ukzn.ac.za/prospective/appforms.asp>

Completed application forms should be sent to the following address, to arrive no later than 20 January 2006: Ms Leanne Munsami, DISA, University of KwaZulu-Natal, 220 Marriot Road, DURBAN 4001.