Summer School Call for Applications:

Developmental Origins of Health and Disease (DOHaD): Consolidating Theory into Practice

20 – 23 April 2020

The Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS), the African Academy of Sciences (AAS), the DST-NRF Centre of Excellence in Human Development at the University of the Witwatersrand, the DOHaD Africa Chapter and other partners are hosting a Summer School in April 2020 at STIAS entitled *Developmental Origins of Health and Disease: Consolidating Theory into Practice*.

The focus of the Summer School is to build research capacity and a network of young scientists. The curriculum will be delivered by experts from around the world, and will cover topics such as: developmental origins of health and disease theory; DOHaD epidemiology; DOHaD and cardiovascular disease; DOHaD and diabetes; improving maternal health during pregnancy; the emerging role of the father in DOHaD risk; nutrition in early life; gender, poverty and DOHaD risk; optimising adolescent health, including addressing obesity; the importance of DOHaD for African research; DOHaD Africa Chapter; research gaps, study design and opportunities; public health policy and the SDGs. The draft programme of the summer school is available on the STIAS website at <https://stias.ac.za/events/developmental-origins-of-health-and-disease-dohad-consolidating-theory-into-practice/>

Target participants are early career professionals in the field of health sciences i.e. MD/PhD level or postdoctoral fellows aged 40 years or below, who have a demonstrated research interest or with a background in DOHaD; be employed in a research institution or a university and who have identified a mentor at their present institution. Applicants with PhD or MD degree must have completed these within the past five years. Applicants with Masters degree must currently be registered for PhD and provide proof of this. Participants of previous STIAS-AAS DOHaD Summer Schools are not eligible.

Funding from the AAS and STIAS is available to support young scientists from any African country (travel and accommodation) to attend the Summer School (arriving 19th April in Stellenbosch and departing on the afternoon of the 23rd of April, 2020). South African young scientists will be funded by DST-NRF Centre of Excellence in Human Development at the University of the Witwatersrand. There are a limited number of places; applications must be submitted by **28 February 2020.**

**For more information please contact**

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**How to apply**

Please submit your completed application form together with the required supporting documents to [stias@sun.ac.za](mailto:stias@sun.ac.za) by 28 February 2020.

Application form

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**Please save this completed form in PDF format and include the following documents as pdf attachments when you submit your application to** [**stias@sun.ac.za**](mailto:stias@sun.ac.za)

**Attachment 1**: Full curriculum vitae  
**Attachment 2**: A letter of support from applicants’ institution (either from the head of department, dean of faculty, principal of college, or equivalent)   
**Attachment 3**: Two page description of applicants’ current research activities