KWAZULU-NATAL AMAFA & RESEARCH INSTITUTE

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FROM THOSE WISHING TO SERVE ON THE RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL AMAFA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The KwaZulu-Natal Amafa and Research Institute Act, No. 5 of 2018, was promulgated in December 2018. Section 5 of the Act established the Amafa Institute as a public entity. The Amafa Institute is under the leadership of a Council, which is appointed by the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for a three-year period. The Act empowers the Council to appoint the Head of Secretariat and Administration (HOSA) to lead the strategic direction of the organisation. The Amafa Institute owns strategic heritage landmarks in the province and is responsible for the identification, protection and promotion of heritage sites in the province. In terms of section 2. (1)(b) of the KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute Act, No. 5 of 2018, the objectives of the Institute are to –

(a) conduct basic and applied research for the province, to generate knowledge and address challenges, and to seek solutions to relevant challenges in order to better the lives of persons in the province.

(b) disseminate knowledge and solutions, which have been generated by research, to identified organisations, communities, or persons.

Council established the Research, Innovation and Publications Committee: to capacitate this Committee with the required skills the Institute intends to appoint two additional members to the Research, Innovation and Publications Committee. Applications are invited from experts.

KwaZulu-Natal Amafa and Research Institute require two additional members with the following attributes.

The first individual with formal academic training should fulfill the following requirements:

- Appropriate qualification(s) in the field of Humanities.
- Five years of experience in the research field related to Heritage and Humanities,
- Publication of at least 5 peer reviewed journal articles or book chapters.
- Affiliation to a research institution or institution of higher learning.

The second individual, an organic intellectual, fulfilling the following requirements:

- Should be regarded as an organic intellectual or "human treasure" in their communities, having contributed to research.
- Extensive experience in heritage, history, and culture.

Competencies:

The applicant must at least meet the following competency requirements:

- Have the necessary leadership and personal qualities,
- Have the ability to lead and participate in the discussions,
- Have a good understanding of the position of the Committee in the governance structure.

Key duties:

- Consider any matters relating to Research, Innovation and Publications and advise Council.
- By performing an oversight role, to ensure that the directives from Council of Amafa pertaining to Research, Innovation and Publications are implemented.
- Consider reports from the HOSA concerning themes, research progress and publications of the Amafa Institute.

Term of office and remuneration:

- The term of office will run concurrently with the term of Council.
- A professional meeting attendance fee determined by Council will be paid for the services rendered.
- Meetings of the Committee shall be held once every quarter, and whenever necessary.

Application procedure

- An application package must include an application letter, CV, copies of qualifications.
- Applications must be addressed to the Head of Secretariat and Administration.
- Applications must be submitted to applications@amafainstitute.org.za
- Closing date is Friday 30 October 2026.
- For enquiries, please contact the Deputy Head Research and Innovation, Mr. Mwelela Cele, applications@amafainstitute.org.za or 033 394 6543.