



AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES HUB FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

**Call for Applications:
Inaugural Summer School for Human Rights Defenders 2024
CLOSING DATE 10 JUL 2024**

Are you passionate about promoting and protecting human rights? Join us and spend a week this summer at the African Universities Hub for Human Rights' (AUH) inaugural Summer School in Cape Town! The School will run from 7 to 11 October 2024, at the University of the Western Cape (UWC) in Cape Town, South Africa.

About AUH:

The African Universities Hub for Human Rights (AUH) is a university-based human rights protection initiative launched in 2023 by the Politics and Urban Governance Research Group (PUG) at the University of the Western Cape (UWC), South Africa. It came on the backdrop of years of research and collaboration between researchers at PUG, and the UNESCO Chair in the Protection of Human Rights Defenders and Expansion of Political Space, at the Centre for Applied Human Rights (CAHR) at the University of York. The Hub seeks to support African universities to play a significant role in protecting human rights, focusing on how universities can support 'protection', both externally (of civil society activists and democratic freedoms) and internally (of staff and students). The Hub seeks to act as both an 'ideas lab' and a conduit between human rights work and academia thus expanding the HRD protection ecosystem.

About the Summer School:

The Summer School brings together human rights activists, lawyers, academics and representatives of government from across the African continent, to reimagine human rights work and protection of Human Rights Defenders in Africa. Leading experts from various fields, including civil society, and academia will lead mini workshops and lectures during the five -day School. The Summer School will be an open and engaging space for critical reflection, learning new concepts and skills, and networking under the theme: "Recentering Human Rights protection: Innovation and Sustainability, beyond the present". The full course will be shared with successful applicants.

Who should apply:

Activists in and outside African universities, working in different areas such as land and environmental rights, protecting democratic space, women's rights, disability rights, indigenous rights, LGBTIQ+ rights, education rights etc. We encourage those working outside major cities and/or have had limited opportunities to participate in capacity building programs to apply.

Details of support:

All participants will be offered accommodation and local transport for purposes of participating in the Summer School. AUH will also offer a limited number of bursaries to cover economy return tickets to Cape Town, South Africa.

How to Apply:

Follow the link below and complete the application form. All applications must include a comprehensive motivation letter stating what your involvement is in defending human rights and/or protecting human rights defenders. Failure to adequately complete the application form may jeopardize your chance of selection.



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