



**From August 2023**

## **CASE STUDY RESEARCHERS: OPEN CALL OUT**

[Open Restitution Africa](#) is undertaking a large-scale research project to map past and current restitution undertakings for material heritage and human ancestors from the African continent. The intention of this research is to gather and make accessible information on African restitution processes. In so doing, the project seeks to provide transparent, open data on restitution for African heritage practitioners and community representatives.

Researchers undertaking - or intending to undertake - research into specific African restitution cases are invited to contribute to the open data platform, and to be part of a cohort of researchers developing accessible data on restitution.

### **MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Approximately 3 months of research work (case dependent)
- To identify and document restitution and restitution-related demands, requests and loan requests from a given context (country or sub-region)
- To identify and document restitution processes in a country/sub-region.
- To conduct detailed case study research into the events that have occurred during one or more restitution processes in a country/sub-region.
- To develop data inputs based on the devised Open Restitution Africa structure (training in the database system will be arranged)
- To manage the digital documentation of all the sources that were used to inform the development of data sets from case studies.
- To write a concise reflection report on each case study that is undertaken.

### **PERSON SPECIFICATION:**

#### **Qualifications/Experience**

##### **Essential:**

- A postgraduate qualification or extensive and nationally recognized expertise in heritage / history / African studies or similar fields.
- Prior knowledge of an ongoing or “completed” restitution process in Africa.
- Knowledge and 2 – 3 years’ experience of working with qualitative research methods.



### **Desirable:**

- Preference is given to researchers from the African continent and its diaspora.
- Knowledge and 1 – 2 years' experience of working with digital content management systems.
- Knowledge of Africa-centred restitution discourse and debates.
- Existing case study research of an ongoing or “completed” restitution process in Africa.
- Knowledge and 2 – 3 years' experience working with case study research methods.

### **REMUNERATION AND SUPPORT**

- ORA will compensate researchers based on the deliverables they produce, as determined by assigned roles and the nature of the case study.
- A single payment of USD 650 is allocated to each researcher for the full delivery of their case research and attendance of all required meetings.
- Support for travel and interviews will be provided by ORA on a case-by-case basis.
- Researchers will receive training on oral history, research methodology, ethics guidelines and data input onto ORA platform.

### **TO APPLY**

There is a rolling intake for this research. The first phase will be undertaken in 3 intake groups.

1. 15 August 2023 - November 2023. **Apply by 28 July 2023**
2. 15 November 2023 - March 2024. **Apply by 28 September 2023**
3. 15 January 2024 - April 2024. **Apply by 28 November 2023**

Interested candidates should send the following:

- A CV that includes any prior research experience and/or community activist experience relevant to the context.
  - A motivation letter that includes your motivation for undertaking this research, and a brief explanation of any proposed cases of restitution to be researched (any existing relationships or connections with the community of origin will be an advantage).
  - A writing sample.
  - A reference letter and two additional reference contacts.
- Email the required documents to [info@openrestitution.africa](mailto:info@openrestitution.africa) with the **Subject: CASE STUDY RESEARCHER**
  - Shortlisted candidates will be asked to complete a questionnaire and may be requested to give a presentation to the Open Restitution Africa research team.