

Internship Opportunity 2020

Isandla Institute, a dynamic organisation based in Cape Town, promotes integrated, equitable, sustainable and democratic urban habitats. Central to our work is the realisation and enactment of urban citizenship, for current and future generations. We engage in cutting edge research, knowledge sharing and dialogue facilitation, institutional support, advocacy and network politics to support urban development and transformation.

Isandla Institute is offering an internship opportunity for post-graduate students. The intern will be part of a project on integrated area-based violence prevention, which has a strong emphasis on knowledge production, peer learning, awareness raising and advocacy. A primary focus of the project is to facilitate learning exchanges between civil society organisations and government stakeholders on safety and neighbourhood development.

The successful intern will be given an opportunity to learn in a dynamic and engaged working environment and sharpen her/his skills in relation to research, logistics, administration and media communication. The following tasks are envisaged:

Research: • Literature review & synthesis • Write/contribute to knowledge products • Assist with and/or implement other relevant project tasks.

Logistics & administration: • Assist with/implement logistical tasks related to activities and events (e.g. webinars) • Write minutes of webinars/events • Develop and maintain a database of contacts.

Media and communications: • Write/contribute to articles for digital media • Disseminate knowledge products • Assist with/implement other relevant media and communications related tasks.

Starting date and timeframe

The intern would preferably work full-time, starting in November 2020. A part time arrangement could be made if the applicant has academic responsibilities. The internship will be for a period of 6-7 months.

Requirements / qualifications

To qualify for an internship, you need to have an Honours or Masters degree or be enrolled for a postgraduate degree in urban studies/geography/development studies/political studies, or equivalent. We are looking for someone with a strong research background, with good writing skills and who is very organised.

It is a prerequisite that interns currently enrolled at a tertiary institution adhere to the requirements of their academic programme and continue to participate in relevant activities (e.g. attend classes, write assignments, etc.). You also need to have the legal rights and permit to work in the Republic of South Africa as granted by the relevant authorities.

Remuneration

Isandla institute will offer a modest stipend towards travel and living expenses. The most important benefit, however, will be to provide the intern with a learning opportunity and adequate support in that regard.

Application process

To apply, please submit the following to inger@isandla.org.za by Friday 6 November 2020:

- A letter motivating why you would like to participate in the internship programme;
- A copy of your CV with two contactable references; and,
- A sample of written work.

Please note:

- Interns are expected to share our commitment to social justice and democratic governance in urban settlements.
- In consultation with Isandla Institute, individually tailored learning opportunities will be identified.
- Isandla Institute is committed to employment equity and will apply the same principles to the recruitment of interns.