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Department of Science and Innovation (DSI-HSRC): Internships 2026/27 Apply Here

Hiring organization
Department of Science and Innovation

Employment Type
Intern

Duration of employment
3 Months

Industry
Government Administration

Job Location
Pretoria, Gauteng, South Africa, 0002, Pretoria, Gauteng, South Africa

Working Hours
09

Date posted
May 5, 2026

Valid through
14.02.2028

Description

The DSI-HSRC internship program aims to engage enthusiastic individuals who are passionate about contributing to scientific research, policy development, and innovation. Interns will have the opportunity to work alongside experienced professionals, gaining practical knowledge and skills while contributing to meaningful projects within their respective fields.

Responsibilities

- Collaborate with teams on ongoing research projects and initiatives within the DSI-HSRC framework.
- Conduct literature reviews, data collection, analysis, and interpretation under the guidance of senior researchers.
- Support the development and implementation of research methodologies and experimental protocols.
- Assist in drafting reports, publications, and presentations based on research findings and outcomes.
- Contribute innovative ideas and perspectives to problem-solving discussions within the department.
- Engage in workshops, seminars, and training sessions to enhance skills and knowledge in relevant fields.

Qualifications

- Currently enrolled in or recently graduated from a relevant undergraduate or postgraduate program in fields such as social sciences, natural sciences, engineering, technology, mathematics, economics, or related disciplines.
- Strong academic background with a demonstrated interest in research, innovation, and scientific development.
- Excellent analytical, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.
- Proficiency in data analysis tools, statistical software, and computer applications relevant to the internship position.
- Effective communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team and adapt to a dynamic work environment.
- Commitment to learning, growth, and contributing positively to the DSI-HSRC internship program.

Job Benefits

- **Hands-on Experience:** Interns will have the opportunity to work on real projects alongside experienced professionals in their field, gaining valuable practical experience that can enhance their skills and knowledge.
- **Learning and Development:** Access to workshops, seminars, and training sessions aimed at enhancing technical skills, research methodologies, and professional development within specific areas of interest.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Exposure to a professional environment

allows interns to network with industry experts, researchers, and professionals, providing valuable connections for their future careers.
- **Mentorship and Guidance:** Guidance and mentorship from seasoned professionals who provide support and feedback, helping interns navigate their roles effectively and providing insights into career development.
- **Exposure to Research and Innovation:** Engagement in cutting-edge research, innovation projects, and policy development initiatives, contributing to meaningful work that drives scientific advancements and societal impact.
- **Collaborative Environment:** Opportunities to collaborate within multidisciplinary teams, fostering teamwork, problem-solving, and cross-functional communication skills.
- **Career Development:** Exposure to diverse experiences and challenges that can help interns clarify their career goals, expand their skill set, and make informed decisions about their future career paths.
- **Stipend or Allowance:** Some internship positions may offer a stipend or financial support to help cover living expenses during the internship period. The specific details regarding compensation will be communicated upon acceptance into the program.
- **Potential for Long-Term Opportunities:** Exceptional interns may be considered for future employment opportunities within the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) based on their performance during the internship period and the availability of positions.

Contacts

Please submit your resume/CV, a cover letter outlining your interest and suitability for the internship, academic transcripts (if applicable), and any additional required documents as specified for the specific internship position. Be sure to indicate the position title and location you are applying for in your application.

The Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from candidates of diverse backgrounds. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.