SENIOR RESEARCHER

SERI is one of South Africa’s leading human rights organisations and is internationally recognised for its award-winning work. SERI has a first-rate research and advocacy team, which provides research, community-based public education, media advocacy and associated services to a wide range of communities and social movements. SERI research informs government policy, mobilises community-based action, and promotes public awareness of the need to protect and advance socio-economic rights.

SERI seeks to appoint a Senior Researcher to be based in Johannesburg.

Start date: 1 June 2020, or as soon as practicable.

Reporting to the Director of Research and Advocacy, the Senior Researcher will be expected to help develop and implement a wide-ranging research programme.

The salary attached to this post is approximately R589 000 per annum.

Requirements:

- At least an MA in a humanities or social science-related discipline;
- Minimum five years’ experience in social research design, implementation and publication;
- Excellent writing skills and a publication record;
- Fundraising experience;
- Proven ability to apply local legal and policy frameworks and international human rights-based frameworks to social research and various forms of advocacy;
- Ability to co-ordinate and manage research and advocacy projects and team members;
- A record of interest in and engagement with any area of work in which SERI is active; and
- Fluency in any of South Africa’s indigenous languages.

To apply, submit your CV, two unedited samples of recent written work, together with a covering letter, to Princess Nkuna at prinsessn@seri-sa.org quoting the position in your covering letter. Applications to be submitted by 15 April 2020.

Provide a detailed explanation of why you are interested in working for SERI in particular, and what qualities and experience you would bring to the post. Generalised covering letters, which do not engage with SERI's activities and purpose, will not be considered.
SERI is committed to transformation and wishes to contribute to the development of a new generation of human rights activists at the national and international level. The position accordingly carries with it opportunities for international travel and advocacy.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted, and will be expected to make themselves available for an interview, which may be online, in the last week of April or the first week of May 2020.

For more about Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa, visit www.seri-sa.org.