Researcher/Senior Researcher (AC.08.4)

University of the Witwatersrand - Johannesburg, Gauteng

UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING: SOUTH AFRICAN RESEARCH CHAIR IN SPATIAL ANALYSIS AND CITY PLANNING

RESEARCHER/SENIOR RESEARCHER (50% -100%)

These are contract positions are for either 1 or 2 years

The Researchers/Senior Researchers would work with the South African Research Chair in Spatial Analysis and City Planning undertaking direct research and project management on specific projects under the general theme of Urban Spatial Change. The positions require academic background and experience in a field which may include urban studies, urban planning, development planning, architecture, urban sociology or urban politics. The research projects may cover a diversity of themes and study areas but will include investigations into the impacts and consequences of large scale urban development projects as well as questions of local government policies of densification and land use change such as Johannesburg's Corridors of Freedom.

Brief Description

A **Researcher** is required to have a minimum of a Masters degree and show evidence of competence as a researcher with project management experience being an advantage. A **Senior Researcher** must have a doctoral degree and show evidence of competence in both research and research management. For both levels previous research work on spatial change and the use of comparative methods in one or more countries or contexts would be an advantage. Both positions would also require the ability to work in multi-disciplinary teams, with people in government and the NGO sector and be familiar with qualitative and quantitative research methods.

Being a contract position in the first instance, the University envisages that high performance in the position may open future possibilities for the appointee. The positions are advertised as 50-100% time as the appropriate candidate may wish to continue, to some extent, professional and other work. Applicants to indicate their preference on their covering letter.

ENQUIRIES ONLY: Ms Thammy Jezile at Tel: +27 11 717-7721 or Thammy.Jezile@wits.ac.za

How To Apply

To apply, please submit a covering letter and a detailed CV with names, contact numbers and e-mail addresses of 3 referees; certified copies of degrees/diplomas; academic transcripts & SA ID/Passport if not South African to: Thammy.Jezile@wits.ac.za

Closing Date: 13th November 2015, 12:00 Midday – no applications will be accepted after this deadline.

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