

## **FACULTY OF COMMERCE, LAW AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Mandela Institute - School of Law**

#### **Short Term Researcher in Law - Grant Funded x 2 (6 months)**

The Mandela Institute is a multi-disciplinary centre in the Wits School of Law with a mission to develop the tools needed to engage with global economic forces. It runs highly successful certificate and short courses, workshops, seminars and conferences in various areas of law and policy for government, industry, community organisations and legal practitioners. The Institute is commencing an investigative research project on the effectiveness of the renewable energy procurement programme as a strategy towards climate change mitigation and the solutions that renewable energy presents in addressing access to energy and the realisation of socio-economic rights. The aim of this research is to influence legal developments by providing evidence to shape the international obligations regarding mitigation, adaptation and low carbon development that respond to South Africa's needs and priorities.

The researcher will serve as a climate change field researcher, using the pilot indicators developed by the Mandela Institute under the climate change project on how renewable energy solutions can address access to energy in rural areas and make communities economically active while improving standards of living. Specifically, the researcher will be asked to identify community based organisations to work with, build rapport, consult with communities to obtain consent, work on plan of activities with identified communities; conduct interviews, host focus group meetings with selected communities; conduct 3 public education and awareness meetings to promote empowerment in renewable energy programmes or activities in rural communities through capacity building and education of community leaders.

The researcher will produce field reports and present at policy dialogues at the Mandela Institute within the **six (6) month period**. Researcher will be paid a daily rate as determined by the University of Witwatersrand rates for short-term occasional researchers. Applicants should have social science or humanities and law undergraduate degree (BA/BSc/BSocSci and LLB) background and a postgraduate degree at Masters level. Applicants who do not meet these requirements will not be considered. PhD will be added advantage. Applicants must have relevant previous experience in field research. The short-term researcher contract will run from **1 June to 30 November 2015**.

To apply: Submit a covering letter, a detailed CV with names, addresses and contact details of three contactable referees and certified copies of degrees/diplomas to the Project Coordinator at: [Mandela.Institute@wits.ac.za](mailto:Mandela.Institute@wits.ac.za).

**CLOSING DATE: 30 APRIL 2015.**