MENTORSHIP Call: INVITATION TO MENTORS TO APPLY TO HOST NRF INTERNS IN 2019-2020

APPLICATION DEADLINE

UP internal deadline: 27 August 2018

BACKGROUND

This is an invitation to MENTORS to apply to host DST-NRF interns for a period of 12 months from 01 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

The NRF is responsible for the management of the DST-NRF Internship Programme in which unemployed Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) graduates and postgraduates, (including those in Social Sciences and Humanities), are afforded an opportunity to acquire practical work experience and improve their competencies through mentoring and an exposure to a research environment for a period of one year.

The objectives of the programme are to:

- Establish a pool of skilled human resource for the Public and Private Sector, Science Councils, Science Institutions and the National System of Innovation (NSI);
- Provide university graduates and postgraduates with work experience in SET fields commensurate with their qualifications, thus increasing their chances of employment;
- Provide SET graduates and postgraduates with exposure to research and development projects that are critical to the NSI and to attract them to pursue careers in the NSI;
- Build capacity in research management at higher education institutions (HEIs) and research institutions.

FACULTY CONTACT PERSON: Health Sciences: Natasha Jeftha (012) 319-2378; Natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za

For more information about this call, please view the call document, excel application form, and the province Gauteng documents to view the list of intern fields available.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The minimum requirements for placement of intern candidates are as follows:

- Should be 35 years of age or younger at the time of submitting an application;
- Hold a Bachelor’s degree or an Advanced Diploma at NQF level 7 as a minimum qualification in SET or related disciplines and should strictly be in the final year of their study at the time of submitting an application.
- Be a South African citizen or South African Permanent Resident (with a valid South African Identity Document).

REQUESTS FROM HOST INSTITUTIONS TO HOST DST-NRF INTERNS

In this first phase, institutions are invited to declare an interest in participating in the 2019/20 Internship Programme by providing the following information:

- Provide a brief summary of why the intern(s) are required by your institution in line with the institutional Human Resource (HR) needs;
- Indicate the number of interns that can be accommodated by the institution;
- Future plans for the required intern(s) beyond the internship period in alignment with the objective of the programme;
- Area(s) of specialisation or discipline for the required intern(s); and
- Recommended level of qualification of each required intern e.g. B.Sc./Hons or MSc level qualification. (Please complete the attached MENTOR Application form (in Excel)

HOW TO APPLY
Mentors are NOW invited to apply to host interns (Call Document attached). The NRF has determined that all applications must be done by a central person for each Faculty instead of individual applications as in the past. Please do not submit an application on the NRF system.

**Note:** Prospective Mentors are requested to email an electronic application to natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za no later than 27 August 2018.

Prospective Mentors are requested to email the attached MENTOR Application form (in Excel) which requires information as per the NRF guidelines to their FACULTY CONTACT PERSON no later than 27 August 2018.

(Mentor application form attached).

Please refer to the attached PROVINCE GAUTENG document for an overview of the type of INTERNS invited in 2018.

The FACULTY CONTACT PERSON will apply online for prospective Mentors on the NRF Submission system. The Designated Authority (DA) for INTERNSHIP, Didi Botes, will then validate the applications on behalf of the institution and will submit to the NRF by 10 September 2018.

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Towards the end of year the NRF will inform the University of the successful MENTOR applications and the number of INTERNS granted. Mentors who have been given an INTERN by the NRF will be requested to identify suitable candidates from the list of available INTERNS on the NRF Online Submission System towards the beginning of January 2018.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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