

The primary objective of the Technology Innovation Agency (TIA), an initiative of the Department of Science and Technology, is to enable and support technological innovation across all sectors of the economy in order to achieve socio-economic benefit, improve the quality of life for South Africans, and enhance the country's global competitiveness.

A key initiative of the Agency is to enhance the country's capacity and capability to translate the greater proportion of local research and development from Higher Education Institutions, Science Councils, and public and private entities into commercial technology products, processes and services.

EXTENSION ON TIA INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY- ENERGY AND WATER SECTOR

CLOSING DATE 15/08/15

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The Innovation Skills Development Programme (ISD) within TIA is responsible for the implementation and management of skills development within the National System of Innovation and, to this end, one of its offerings is TIA's Internship Programme in partnership with the EWSETA. Interns are invited to submit applications to enrol in the Programme. Applications are open to suitable candidates from all Provinces. Interviews will be carried out in GP, WC, EC and KZN. Applicants from other regions will be interviewed in GP. TIA will make the necessary arrangements.

Requirements: South African citizens, with P1/P2 qualifications or M+1 Certificates, National Diploma, undergraduate degree and post-graduates in the following categories are eligible to apply:

- **Ref INT 101:** P1/P2 (M+1) and FET Certificates in the Science, Engineering and Technology Innovation (SETI);
- **Ref INT 102:** Universities of Technologies (UoT) in SETI;
- **Ref INT 103:** Undergraduates and Post Graduates in the SETI, for the energy, water, and related projects and supporting fields.

Purpose of the Internship is to:

- Provide workplace experience to learners and graduates allowing them practical exposure to their academic training, enhancing employability.
- Develop and train candidates in critical skills thinking to stimulate creativity, enhance problem solving and innovation skills in the energy and water sectors.
- Provide additional skills development training that will stimulate innovation, provide Life Skills, Work Readiness, Basic Entrepreneurship and Technical Skills Training supported by mentorship

Reporting to the Line Manager/Mentor the Intern's responsibilities will include amongst others to:

- Assist and support research, administration and project management activities within the Industry/Business Units where they are placed.

General Competencies: Interns are required to possess the following competencies;

- Good verbal, written and communication skills;
- Computer skills;
- Team player,
- Self-starter and go-getter

Term of the Internship: 12 Months

Remuneration: The Intern will be paid a monthly stipend ranging from R3500 to R7000 depending on the level of qualification.

Placement: Successful applicants will be placed in various innovation companies, government departments and research institutions across the country, preferably closest to the place of residence. TIA will not pay relocation costs to applicants who prefer to be placed at a province that is not their province of residence.

Applicants, who are interested in participating in TIA's Internship Programme in innovation projects within the energy and water sectors, are invited to submit their CV online to innovationskillsseta.org.za. Please attach certified copies of qualifications, academic records, South African identity document and proof of residence.

NB: Correspondence will be limited to short listed candidates only. Successful candidates will start the internship in September 2015. (Candidates with disabilities are encouraged to apply).

Call out to Industries (Ref IND 201): An Invitation is extended to broader Industry for expression of interest in partnering with the Technology Innovation Agency to participate in the development of youth in the energy and water sectors by hosting, training or co-funding an intern. Interested Industry participants are required to send a signed letter of interest providing a brief profile of the company and of the project/s which the interns will be placed in.