



**CENTRE FOR HEALTH POLICY, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg**  
In collaboration with the  
**Centre for Health Systems Research and Development**  
**University of the Free State**

## **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN HEALTH POLICY AND SYSTEMS RESEARCH** **NRF SARChI Programme**

### **Three pre-PhD internships**

The **Centre for Health Policy (CHP)** and the **Centre for Health Systems Research & Development (CHSR&D)** are committed to building capacity in health policy and systems research. We offer a supportive environment that emphasizes mentorship and skills development. We are offering **THREE research internships (one year)** to prepare for entry to a **three-year PhD programme**, supported by a NRF SARChI bursary.

Two interns will be based at CHP at Wits, one at CHSR&D at the University of the Free State. The interns will be provided with supervisory support to develop a PhD application as well as gain experience by participating in existing research projects. **The topic areas under which the interns are likely to work are one of the following: quality of health (Free State-based), digital health, and community-based mental health care.**

The successful candidate(s) will be highly motivated, with a strong interest in health equity and social justice. S/he will be passionate about research, with some prior experience and an eagerness to learn new methods and approaches. Applicants will have a relevant Master's degree (e.g. public health, sociology, political science, development studies, economics) and knowledge of public health, health systems or health policy will be an advantage, including the topic areas listed above. All candidates are expected to have good writing and conceptual skills, and be able to work well in a multi-disciplinary team. Applicants must be South African citizens or permanent residents in South Africa.

CHP and CHSR&D are South African health policy and systems research units based at the University of the Witwatersrand, and the University of the Free State. The centres employ public health and social scientists and offer a dynamic environment in which to conduct cutting-edge, multi-disciplinary health systems and policy research; write academic publications; engage in national & international policy debates; and participate in international consortia. CHP's current research focuses on health systems, human resources, health care financing, governance, access to health care, and policy implementation analysis. CHSR&D's current research focuses on public health policies, strategies and operational functioning; human resources for health and occupational health issues; health communication; and priority programmes (TB; HIV and AIDS; TB-HIV co-epidemic; and sexual and reproductive health). In addition, our work includes policy engagement and postgraduate teaching. We have established national and international reputations, and our success is built on innovation and diversity. For more information, please visit our websites:

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[www.chp.ac.za](http://www.chp.ac.za) and <https://www.ufs.ac.za/humanities/departments-and-divisions/centre-for-health-systems-research-development-home>

To apply, all of the following should be submitted to **Bahihah Mohamed** (Bahihah.mohamed@wits.ac.za)

- a covering letter identifying why you are interested in the position, including whether you wish to be based in the Free State or Gauteng.
- a detailed CV, including contact details
- names and contact details of 3 referees
- copies of degrees/diplomas
- a short piece of recent written work, or publication, on which you are the first author.

***Please write pre-PHD intern in the subject line of your email***

***Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered.***

**Closing date for applications:** 14 February 2020

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