

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** AP968 - AP975 inclusive

**JOB TITLE:** Various

**LOCATION:** Irene, Centurion (Tshwane)

**BACKGROUND TO POSITION:** The Thabo Mbeki African School of Public and International Affairs is a partnership between the University of South Africa (UNISA) and the Thabo Mbeki Foundation (TMF). It was established in 2020 with a vision to accelerate the African renaissance. Representing Africa among the international community, it is proudly seated in its own standalone premises in Irene, Pretoria (Tshwane), while Unisa remains its custodian. The School is undergirded by African-centred perspectives in its key areas of study. It is a premier graduate school, which strives to be globally competitive. It seeks to be a magnet of excellence in education, experiential learning and research. The School uses transdisciplinary approach in the education and training of students and the dimensions of feminism and gender mainstreaming to cut across all areas of study.

In addressing challenges facing African societies, the Thabo Mbeki African School of Public and International Affairs seeks to identify the crème de la crème of African academics. Academics who embrace knowledge of inclusive growth, African thought, sustainable African development and human cohesiveness. Academics ready to reshape the public-private interface, while determining the role of the public sector in overall economic development.

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### **INAUGURAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Thank you for getting to this point and potentially having the opportunity to play a significant role in one of the most exciting initiatives to hit the continent for a while.

As an inaugural participant, you will use the following generic descriptions to craft the best possible material for students:

### **JOB DESCRIPTIONS:**

#### **Study of Government Affairs** (Ref AP 968)

The applicant must be a scholar in the understanding of government affairs, the science of governing, policy science as well as citizen participation in governance. Knowledge on the understanding of the political economy of governing will be a major advantage.

#### **Simulation and Futuristic Studies** (Ref AP 969)

Simulations and future studies are an advanced field of study. As an academic, you are expected to educate students in this field of study. This will enable them to be professionals and leaders as they enter the world of work and research.

#### **Public Leadership Studies** (Ref AP 970)

As South Africa, the African continent and the world are in search of good leadership, outstanding academic leaders are encouraged to apply for this position. The applicant must be familiar with the various frameworks of leadership. These should include, but not be limited to, thought leadership and transformational leadership etc.

#### **Peace and Development Studies** (Ref AP 971)

The study of peace and development is an understudied field. An outstanding scholar in this field is encouraged to apply. This will entail the appreciation of human and governance issues on the African continent in order to sustain peace and eradicate poverty. Poor policy and governance, and the lack of economic development breed internal and cross-border conflicts that lead to negative consequences. International knowledge in this field will be a major advantage.

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### **Security and Intelligence Studies (Ref AP 972)**

This is a specialized area of study that contributes to the stability, development and technological advancement of a country. In this respect, applicants must demonstrate their knowledgeability in this field of study and research. Practical knowledge in this area is a major advantage.

### **Study of Urban and Rural Affairs (Ref AP 973)**

This field of study requires an academic who combines theory and practice in the study of urban affairs and rural development. Students must be exposed to research in these two co-existing spheres that are dependent on each other. Such learning and study allow for balanced economic development, regional studies and the analyses of policies.

### **Citizenship Studies (Ref AP 974)**

A scholar of citizen science is being sought after. The successful applicant will be expected to appreciate the value of citizenship, ethics, economic development, social cohesion, justice and effective governance. The incumbent will therefore be required to have thorough knowledge of areas such as wellbeing economy, citizen science and political economy of development.

### **Study of Sustainable Livelihoods and Resource Management (Ref AP 975)**

The applicant must be a leading academic in this field of study. The study of sustainable livelihoods and resource management are an integral part of South Africa and Africa's development as the world repositions itself. These are some of the challenges for study in this area: inability to sustain our environment, over population, land degradation, use of fossil fuels, exploitative methods of economic growth, consumerism among others.

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### **INHERENT CRITERIA:**

#### **Professor:**

NQF level 10 (i.e. PhD, 5-years' relevant experience and at least two postgraduate theses or dissertations successfully supervised to completion, one of which must be a doctoral thesis.

#### **Associate Professor:**

NQF level 10 (i.e. PhD), 4-years' relevant experience and successful supervision of a postgraduate dissertation or thesis to completion will be an advantage.

#### **Senior Lecturer:**

NQF level 9 (i.e. Master's degree), 3-years' relevant experience and experience in teaching postgraduate courses or postgraduate research project supervision will be an advantage.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- A letter of motivation.
- A comprehensive CV.
- An abridged CV.
- Names and contact details for at least 3 referees.
- Certified copies of matric and degree certificates and Identity Document.

To apply please forward your application, quoting relevant **AP** reference number, to [tms@talenting.co.za](mailto:tms@talenting.co.za)