South Africa-based freelance journalist

Research Professional News is looking for a talented South Africa-based freelance journalist to become our regular Africa correspondent.

Our specialist news service, covering research and higher education policy, is highly respected around the world. Our Africa correspondent will be responsible for reporting on how the most important topics in these policy areas impact on African researchers and institutions, with a special focus on South Africa. This will involve keeping on top of the news agenda and writing both on-diary and off-diary news on topics ranging from government funding priorities to transformation efforts and misconduct cases.

We are ideally looking for a journalist with experience in science or education journalism, who has a strong interest in policy. The successful applicant will become a regular freelance contributor to our publications, working alongside a 20-strong team of staff journalists and a network of correspondents based around the world. At present, we publish Africa news once a week on our subscription-only website, Research Professional, and the public-facing site www.ResearchProfessionalNews.com

We envisage the work of the correspondent taking the equivalent of approximately 2-2.5 days per week, to a flexible pattern.

To express your interest, please send a CV and covering letter including your daily expected freelance rate, together with links to recently published articles, to our Africa editor, Linda Nordling, on linda.nordling@research-africa.net by 25 March.

Kindly note you must have the legal rights to work in South Africa to be considered for the post.

Please also feel free to get in touch with any questions.