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SIHMA RESEARCH VOLUNTEER

FULL-TIME POSITION

MINIMUM COMMITMENT: 6 MONTHS

ABOUT SIHMA

Established in Cape Town, South Africa in 2014, the Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility in Africa (SIHMA) conducts research that contributes to the development of informed policies and promotes the rights and dignity of migrants and refugees in Africa. Besides the research focus, SIHMA houses a growing collection of printed books on migration related-issues for public research and organizes events and conferences on human mobility in Africa.

Vision

An Africa where the human rights of people on the move are ensured and their dignity is promoted.

Mission

To conduct and disseminate research that contributes to the understanding of human mobility and informs policies that ensure the rights and dignity of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees in Africa.

Our main activities are

- **research on topics and burning issues of the migratory phenomenon on the entire African continent;**
- **publishing The African Human Mobility Review (AHMR), an interdisciplinary peer-reviewed on-line journal created to encourage and facilitate the study of all aspects (socio-economic, political, legislative and developmental) of human mobility in Africa and also publishing articles and reports, both at academic and informative level;**
- **formation and training for operators and pastoral management caring of migrants and refugees at different levels;**
- **organization of events, workshops and conferences;**
- **networking with all the Scalabrini Study Centres in the world (Rome, Paris, New York, Sao Paolo, Buenos Aires, Manila) and many other institutions and organizations (University of Western Cape, UCT, SACBC, etc.).**



SIHMA RESEARCH VOLUNTEER OVERVIEW

SIHMA promotes and strengthens the rights and integration of migrants and refugees in South Africa, through scientific research, publishing reports, raising awareness, and advocating for legislative and policy reform and its proper implementation. We disseminate our findings through our journal, social media, events, conferences and our website. If possible, we will try to create a small project, such as a specific research project. We aim to make the volunteer placement a fruitful exchange, both for SIHMA and for your skill-set and development.

Tasks may include but not limited to:

- assisting the SIHMA research team with qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis - this may involve review and analysis of national and local data sources, recruitment for qualitative research, conducting in-depth interviews and focus groups with service users, staff and other stakeholders, and managing and analysing data, depending on experience and qualification;
- carrying out literature and evidence reviews, including identifying relevant research evidence, appraising the quality of evidence and writing up key findings. collaborating in the making of “knowledge products” for disseminating researches and articles to non-academic recipients;
- administrative assistance and support, which may include assistance with the upkeep of records and databases;
- participation in stakeholder fora and workshops that are of interest or relevance, assisting with other tasks that are necessary for the daily business of the organization;
- assisting with other tasks to support the work of the research team as required.

Skills and attributes needed

- Degree in a relevant subject (e.g. migration, human rights, social sciences, statistics, etc.) or equivalent qualifications or experience in a research capacity;
- Skills experience of writing for external publications e.g. websites, reports, newsletters;
- Experience of undertaking qualitative and/or quantitative data collection and analysis;
- Accuracy and attention to detail, and ability to show initiative and work independently;
- Practical and organized, the intern should be highly motivated to learn about the issues of migration in every aspect, with a strong ethical motivation and ability to uphold Scalabrini’s values and confidentiality code;
- Fluent English skills are necessary and knowledge of other languages (French, Portuguese) are an advantage;
- Understanding and interest in the domain of migrants, refugees and people on the move;
- Proven ability to work to deadlines and manage multiple, competing priorities.

Commitment

We require a minimum commitment of six months, 08:30 - 16:30 Monday – Friday.



For more information or to apply to be a SIHMA Volunteer, please contact Filippo Ferraro at admin@sihma.org.za.