

Southern Centre for Inequality Studies

The Cameron Schrier Equality Fellowship Programme

The Southern Centre for Inequality Studies (SCIS) at Wits University is proud to announce a new fellowship programme for activists from civil society, senior government officials, and business leaders from across the global South. The goal of the fellowship is to develop and advance links between academia, activism, and policymakers across the global South, deepening new areas of research and writing on inequality. This is an incredible opportunity to explore the links between theory and practice. Two fellowships are offered concurrently for six months each, and fellows will be based at the SCIS, in Johannesburg, South Africa. SCIS will provide fellows with resources, space and time to reflect on their work, to engage with the SCIS academic community, and to produce a publication relating to their area of focus.

Fellowship Details

The SCIS offers two concurrent, six-month fellowships, based at the SCIS headquarters at Wits University. The fellows will be offered:

- A generous stipend for six months;
- Flights to and from Johannesburg;
- Office space at the SCIS headquarters at Wits University; and
- Full integration into the academic life of the SCIS and Wits University, including access to libraries, academic seminars, and participation in the activities of the SCIS.

Requirements for applicants

The fellowship programme is targeted at experienced activists from civil society, government, the civil service, and business from across the global South to support them to reflect, write and teach. Full-time academics are not eligible. During the fellowship, the Cameron Schrier Equality Fellows will be based full-time at the Centre, and will be expected to complete a publication (the exact specifications of which will be agreed on an individual basis) and host a learning event, such as a seminar or workshop. Applicants for the fellowships should meet the following requirements:

- Extensive experience (at least 10 years) in civil society organisations or activism, government, or business;
- A focus on human and socio-economic rights, justice and transformation, development, or economics, within the broad field of inequality;
- Demonstrable experience in tackling inequality in the global South;
- Applicants should be available to take up the fellowship in the first half of 2020;
- Applicants should be working in the global South at the time of application.

To apply:

SCIS welcomes applicants from a diversity of backgrounds in South Africa and across the global South. The fellowships are offered to activists from civil society organisations, government, and business. Cameron Schrier Equality Fellows will be expected to spend six months full-time at the SCIS in Johannesburg, South Africa.

To apply please submit:

1. A covering letter explaining your interest in the SCIS Equality Fellowship and motivating why you have the necessary qualifications, skills and experience for this fellowship, and availability in 2020;
2. A detailed CV and the names and contact details of two referees;
3. A research plan specifying the research to be undertaken during the fellowship and the expected deliverables; and
4. A plan detailing how the research will inform future work.

Please submit complete applications to David Francis (david.francis@wits.ac.za) using the subject line "Cameron Schrier Equality Fellowship". Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview by end-March 2020. We very much look forward to receiving your application.

**Application deadline 10 March 2020.
Fellowship to commence in the first half of 2020.**

Enquiries:

For any queries about the nature of the fellowships, eligibility or any other questions, please contact Mr David Francis, Deputy Director at david.francis@wits.ac.za.

About the SCIS

The Southern Centre for Inequality Studies focuses on understanding and addressing inequality in the global South. Our starting premise is that while technical solutions to addressing inequality are very important, they will not be politically feasible unless the social and political forces driving high levels of inequality are clearly understood and addressed. The work of the SCIS is conceptualised around four main areas of work:

1. To identify key areas where inequality shapes the life chances of individuals.
2. To understand, through a focus on the structure of the economy and society, and political, economic and cultural processes, the production, reproduction and intersection of power relations and inequality.
3. To imagine an alternative configuration of power relations that provide greater equality of access to relevant resources and fundamentally alters the structure of power relations in society.
4. To develop a research and policy agenda for the inclusive growth of productive forces.

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