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POSITION

SENIOR RESEARCHER

The Gauteng City-Region Observatory (GCRO) is a research centre set up in partnership between the University of Johannesburg (UJ), the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg (Wits) and the Gauteng Provincial Government. GCRO's mission is to build the knowledge base that government, business, labour, civil society and citizens need to develop a competitive, sustainable and inclusive Gauteng City-Region. We undertake research ourselves, work in partnership with others, collect data and use it to benchmark the region internationally, and provide policy support to government, always working to the highest academic standards.

An exciting new organisation, GCRO is already working in diverse areas including sustainability and green jobs, economic growth, indicator-based benchmarking, GIS mapping of urban growth, xenophobia and many others. We want to expand our already diverse skills base with highly skilled and motivated colleagues from the natural or social sciences who share a commitment to help develop a more sustainable, equitable and prosperous Gauteng City-Region.

GCRO is seeking to appoint up to two senior researchers, depending on the quality of applicants.

With a PhD-level qualification, or a Masters and *considerable* experience, combined with expertise in (preferably quantitative) analysis and reporting, GCRO is looking for a senior economist as well as others with skills in disciplines such as demography, urban geography, sustainability, transport, engineering, GIS mapping, and so on. The successful candidates will be self-motivated, have published in peer-reviewed journals, and have experience in applied and/or policy research.

A competitive remuneration package is available. To apply, submit a covering letter addressing each of the selection criteria specifically; a detailed CV with names, addresses, contact numbers and e-mails addresses of 3 referees willing to provide references; and certified copies of your academic qualifications, i.e. degrees/diplomas to: Executive Director, GCRO, Private Bag 3, Wits 2050 or e-mailed to adele.underhay@gcro.ac.za Applicants should include examples of published work, preferably your last three published items. The closing date for all applications is 25th March 2010.

The GCRO reserves the right not to make an appointment.