

The Technology Innovation Agency (TIA or the Agency), an initiative of the Department of Science and Technology, has a mandate to enable and support technological innovation across all sectors of the economy in order to achieve socio-economic benefits for South Africa and enhance its global competitiveness.

The Agency is a public entity with the aim of enhancing the country's capacity to translate a greater proportion of local research and development from higher education institutions, science councils, public entities and private research institutions into commercial technology products and services. For further information, please visit our website: www.tia.org.za.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2014/15 (GP,KZN,WC,EC) | REF: TIA/264/13

The Innovation Skills Development Unit within TIA is responsible for the management of skills development within the National System of Innovation Space and amongst its offerings manages the TIA/Industry Internship Programmes.

Applications are invited from learners and undergraduates interested in being considered for an opportunity to participate in the TIA Internship Programme.

Requirements: South African citizens, with P1/P2 or M+1 Certificates, National Diploma, undergraduate and post-graduates in the following categories are eligible to apply: (Candidates with disabilities are encouraged to apply).

• Ref INT 101: P1/P2 (M+1) Certificates in the Science, Engineering and Technology Innovation (SETI) • Ref INT 201 FET students requiring In-Service Training(WIL) in any field supporting innovation and technology projects • Ref INT 301: Undergraduates and Post Graduates in the Science, Engineering and Technology Innovation

Purpose of the Internship is to: Provide workplace experience to learners and graduates allowing them practical exposure to their academic training, enhancing employability • Provide additional skills development training that will stimulate innovation, provide life skills and work readiness (Basic Entrepreneurship, Technical and Life Skills Training) supported by formal mentorship

Reporting to the Line Manager/Mentor the Intern's responsibilities will include amongst others to: assist and support research, administration and project management activities within the Industry/Business Units where they are placed

General Competencies: Good verbal, written and communication skills • Team player and self-starter and go-getter

Term of the Internship: 12 to 18 months for the Internship Programme • 6 months for In Service Training (WIL)

Remuneration: The Intern will be paid a monthly stipend ranging from R4000 to R7300 depending on the level of qualification.

Placement: Successful applicants will be placed in various institutions throughout the country and should thus specify the province where they want to be placed. TIA does not pay relocation costs to appointed applicants who prefer to be placed at provinces away from the province of their residence.

How to Apply: All applications must be submitted online to innovationskills@tia.org.za
Please also attach certified copies of qualifications, academic record and the South African Identity Document.

Closing Date for Application: 30 October 2013 • NB: Applications received after closing date will not be considered. Correspondence will be limited to short listed candidates only.

Call Out to Industries (Ref IND 101): An Invitation is extended to broader Industry for expression of interest in partnering with the Technology Innovation Agency to participate in the Youth Development Programme through hosting, training or funding.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a detailed curriculum vitae, quoting the reference number, to innovationskills@tia.org.za by no later than 30 October 2013 at 17:00. Communication will be limited to only the shortlisted candidates.