

The Nordic Africa Institute (NAI) invites applications for the position of

Researcher in Urban Studies

Closing date for applications: February 20, 2015

The researcher will conduct research in the field of urban studies. The institute's research has been organized around four distinct clusters, and the successful applicant will be part of the research cluster on Urban Dynamics.

African cities are undergoing transformation on a large scale. Rapid urbanization brings opportunities, but it also presents new challenges. Along with general trends, urban changes reflect the rich diversity of urban life and the social, economic, and political history and issues of particular cities. The researcher we are looking to employ has an understanding of such trends and issues as well as ongoing sociocultural developments in African cities.

The researcher will also participate in the activities pertaining to NAI's scholarship programs, planning seminars and workshops, and information dissemination to media and policy-makers. All researchers at the institute are expected to contribute towards raising external funds.

Principal qualifications

- A PhD degree in social sciences or humanities.
- Knowledge of urban studies and/or African urbanity and African societies.
- Strong communication skills and the ability to work in a multicultural environment.
- Good writing skills and the ability to present complex issues accessibly to academic, policy-making and non-academic audiences.

- Experience of fieldwork in African cities, preferably also from a comparative perspective.
- Contact with researchers, policy-makers, and other relevant role-players.
- Capacity to interact with stakeholders outside the academic community.
- Excellent knowledge of spoken and written English.

Application

The application should contain:

- A. A proposal that does not exceed five pages. It should include the applicant's
 1. research questions, theory and methodologies
 2. network strategies, with particular reference to Africa and the Nordic countries
 3. strategy for disseminating research results, including a statement of intent on how to contribute to policy advice
- B. A complete CV with a list of publications
- C. Copies of the applicant's own publications relating to his/her urban research (a maximum of three publications, with three copies of each one)
- D. The names and addresses (phone, fax, email) of at least two referees

As part of the interview, shortlisted candidates will be required to do a presentation to staff before the final interview.

The contract period will be two years, with the possibility of being extended for two years. The remuneration package is negotiable within the current levels at NAI.

Contacts:

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More information about NAI's ongoing research activities, grants, library services and publications is available on www.nai.uu.se.

The application should be sent:

- a) preferably by email to nai@nai.uu.se (including publications, as far as possible, or by indicating the internet addresses where they can be accessed)
- b) in hard copy by regular post to The Nordic Africa Institute, P. O. Box 1703, SE-751 47 Uppsala, Sweden

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NAI is committed to an equal opportunities policy in employment. As the institute strives to employ a balanced proportion of men and women, women are particularly encouraged to apply for the position.