

**Chair for Critical Studies in Higher Education Transformation
(CriSHET)**

Call for applications:

Student Research & Administrative Assistants (2020)

The Chair for Critical Studies in Higher Education Transformation (CriSHET) at Nelson Mandela University, headed by Prof André Keet, invites applications for student research and administrative assistants to join its dynamic team. *CriSHET*'s research agenda comprises the study of higher education through the lenses of *critique* and *critical action*. It focuses on the study of the sector through analyses of power, privilege and authority; the production of the discursive fields of higher education transformation (the histories, framers, ideologies, interests, practices, etc.); the 'character' and social structure of the academy and its implications for teaching, learning, research and engagement; the power relations embedded within the organisation of knowledge and knowledge-generation processes; the politics of scholarship and academic publishing; and the relationship between university and society.

Visit our website for further information: <http://crishet.mandela.ac.za/>

If you are interested in being part of a dynamic Chair that hosts regular seminar series, engages with leading national and international scholars, executes institutional transformation processes, and produces critical publications aimed at furthering scholarship and praxes in higher education transformation, then this is your opportunity. We are looking for creative, energetic and diligent student research assistants from diverse disciplines and knowledge fields who have an interest in University studies and social justice. These are one-year part-time stipend positions.

Applicants must intend to be registered students in a graduate programme (Hons, Masters or PhD) at the University in 2020, and available to work part-time from the *CriSHET* offices at Bird Street Campus. ***Contract staff members, post-doctoral fellows and undergraduate students should not apply.***

Your application should consist of the following:

- Completed application form (also available for downloading from the website)
- Updated C.V.
- A brief written motivation explaining (1) your understanding of what ‘*transformation in higher education*’ means to you, and (2) motivating *why you would like to join CriSHET and what contribution you believe you could make in this team.*

Applications should be forwarded to CriSHET@mandela.ac.za with the subject line: **Application – Student Research Assistant**. Final date for submission: **12h00, 30 September 2019**.

*Short-listed candidates will be invited for an interview at our offices on Bird Street Campus.
CriSHET reserves the right not to make appointments.*

If you have any queries, you are welcome to contact deronique.hoshe@mandela.ac.za