



### **Advert: Post-Doctoral Fellowship (AI)**

Research ICT Africa has an opening for a 1- or 2-year post-Doctoral Fellowship. The successful Fellow will lead and work on research broadly relating to **AI and poverty in Africa**, under the [AI4D Africa Just AI research and policy project](#).

Research ICT Africa is a think tank based in Cape Town, South Africa, that conducts research on digital policy and regulation and global governance that facilitates evidence-based policy making for improved access, use and application of ICT for sustainable development in Africa and in the Global South.

AI is a new and exciting area of focus for Research ICT Africa. We are leading a number of large research projects that seek to deepen knowledge around the impacts of AI and digital technologies on African societies and markets, and to develop policy solutions that advance digital and data inclusion and justice.

These projects include:

- [Africa Just AI research and policy project](#);
- [African Observatory on Responsible AI](#); and
- [Global Index on Responsible AI](#).

This is a great opportunity for an individual interested in creating a space for themselves within a dynamic and diverse team to conduct research around a critical and emerging issue.

### **Key responsibilities of the position:**

#### **Research leadership and analysis**

- lead and coordinate public interest research projects for evidence-based digital policy and regulation, and data governance, particularly in relation to AI and poverty
- collaborate on global research commissions, technical assistance projects and maintain relationships with donors and multilateral agencies
- support the creation of a learning environment for in-house researchers and country partners

#### **Research, communications and networking**

Prepare research for:

- policy papers and briefs, blog posts to disseminate findings to diverse audiences at international, regional and national levels; and
- publication and participate in policy research conferences and to represent RIA at international events and conferences

### **Key qualifications:**

- PhD in a related field (social sciences, data science/computing, macro/microeconomics, econometrics, statistics) not held for more than 3 years.

## **Skills and knowledge**

- strong research skills and experience in relation to AI-related research in the Global South
- knowledge and experience in development/policy/research work using quantitative and qualitative research methods
- ability to travel as needed
- experience working on large scale research projects
- ***professional English language proficiency and strong writing skills essential***

## **Advantage**

- macroeconomic analysis or statistical or econometrics, including experience using SPSS or STATA
- ability to work as part of a distributed team and to work on multiple projects simultaneously
- exposure to working with people from diverse cultures and nationalities
- familiarity with blogging and social media
- strong public speaking and communication skills
- research to policy influence experience (working in or with governments, regulatory agencies and multilateral agencies)
- work experience in the Global South

**Send your letter of motivation and CV (including list of relevant/current research projects and publications) to [admin@researchictafrica.net](mailto:admin@researchictafrica.net). Inquiries related to the position can be directed to [radams@researchictafrica.net](mailto:radams@researchictafrica.net).**

**RIA is committed employment equity in its pursuit of excellence, diversity and redress in achieving its vision and mission. Suitably qualified candidates irrespective of age, gender, race and nationality are invited to apply. Preference will be given to qualified candidates from the under-represented groups (women, LGBTQ+, people with disability) in the policy research and digital sector and, as an African think-tank, to African candidates.**

**Please note that RIA is unfortunately only able to respond to candidates who are shortlisted. If you do not hear from RIA within two weeks of the closing date you should assume that your application has not been successful. RIA also reserves the right not to make any appointments.**

***Location: Research ICT Africa, Cape Town Office***

***Contract length: 1 year***

***Closing date for applications: 30 April 2022***

***Start date: As soon as possible***