Natural Justice is a small, dynamic NGO based in Cape Town, South Africa. Our vision is the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity through the self-determination of Indigenous peoples and local communities.

Voluntary Intern

Natural Justice’s Climate Change Programme is seeking a Voluntary Intern to assist in the implementation the project entitled ‘Empowering Indigenous Peoples and Knowledge Systems Related to Climate Change and Intellectual Property Rights’. A project of the global Open and Collaborative Science in Development Network (OCSDNet).¹

This is a Participatory Action Research² project in partnership with the Intellectual Property Unit, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town, and the Department of Gender Studies, Indiana University. The intern will assist in the following aspects of the project:

- Transcribing interviews and assisting to code interviews for analysis.
- Desktop research concerning indigenous knowledge systems, climate change and adaptation.
- Accompany the principal investigators and community-researchers to plan and conduct participatory action research in the Western and/or Northern Cape.

Requirements

- Fluency in English and Afrikaans languages;
- A background in natural or social sciences or law;
- A demonstrated interest in climate change, and/or indigenous knowledge systems and/or community development;
- Experience of PAR methodologies preferred but not essential;
- Self-motivation, ability to work as part of a team as well as independently, attention to detail and patience to transcribe lengthy interviews accurately, flexibility to undertake a variety of tasks, integrity and honesty.

Khoi and San individuals and first-language Afrikaans speakers are particularly encouraged to apply.

Individuals who are available, full-time or part-time, for periods during August-November 2015 should apply. If you are interested, please email your CV and covering letter clearly explaining your suitability to cath@naturaljustice.co.za with the subject line ‘Voluntary Intern’ by 31st July 2015.

¹ See http://ocsdnet.org/
² PAR design and methods aim to reduce power relations within and between researchers/researched and hierarchies of knowledge production by involving marginalized groups within the design, implementation, and outcomes of the research.