



COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

(Payclass 10; One Year Contract)

The African Centre For Cities Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment

The African Centre For Cities is currently seeking to appoint a **Communications Manager**.

Purpose of Job:

The main purpose of the Strategic Communications Manager is to deliver strategic communications outcomes for the African Centre for Cities. The Strategic Communications Manager will act as brand custodian ensure the integrity and quality of all communications outputs under the ACC banner. The Strategic Communications Manager, will also be responsible for building and maintaining strong relationships with project PIs, funding partners and peers in research/partner institutions to ensure maximum alignment and impact for outputs, as well as actively source and investigate new opportunities for funding and partnership.

Responsibilities:

Please refer to the attached detailed position description (HR191) for the full responsibilities of this position. This is a fulltime position and requires physical presence in the office for at least two days per week.

Requirements for the job:

- A suitable degree or diploma (minimum NQF7 level).
- A minimum of five years relevant work experience in strategic and research communications and stakeholder management, with experience in managing content and output production processes as well as managing a team.
- Excellent writing, proof-reading and editing skills in English.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Strong organizational skills and ability to produce under a heavy workload with competing priorities.
- Demonstrable good network in the media community and online publication skills.

The following would be advantageous:

- Familiarity with graphic design, social media communication, and excellent written English for both scientific and popular audiences.
- Familiarity with working in an academic environment.
- Experience with the African Centre for Cities research agenda.
- Experience and knowledge of fundraising and proposal development.

The annual cost of employment, including benefits, is between R 358 627 and R682 513

To apply, please e-mail the following in a **single pdf file** to Ms Faranaaz Bennett at faranaaz.bennett@uct.ac.za

- UCT Application Form (download at <http://forms.uct.ac.za/hr201.doc>)
- Motivation letter, detailing how you meet the minimum requirements for this job
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Please ensure the title and reference number are indicated in the subject line. An application which does not comply with the above requirements will be regarded as incomplete.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and may be required to undergo a competency test.

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Reference number: E23720

Closing date: 8 April 2024

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