

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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Security Specialist

About the job:

The CSIR has a vacancy for a **Security Specialist** in the Integrative Systems group within the Defence Peace Safety and Security unit. The incumbents will research large security problems that span multiple stakeholders and facilitate co-design solutions with stakeholders that reduce security risk and create opportunities. This position is based in Pretoria.

Key responsibilities

- Structure, frame, define and research security problems in the area of security at a strategic level from environmental, social and other perspectives;
- Integrate knowledge across multiple disciplines and organisations required to understand and solve these problems;
- Facilitate work sessions with stakeholders to create common understanding across multiple stakeholders that have different interests and facilitate co-develop interventions;
- Identify bottlenecks to implementation of interventions and working with stakeholders to removing these;
- Build relationships with stakeholders;
- Lead a technical project team, with stakeholders from government, academics, private sector and communities;
- Apply a variety of methods (Mapping out stakeholders involved in a problem, interpreting relationships between strategic drivers, their dynamics and impact on the security problem, and transformation of organisational narrative);
- Develop and present research reports and strategies.

Qualifications, skills and experience

- A Master's degree in security studies and must have a Bachelor's degree in political science; or
- A Master's degree in political science/international relations with a thesis topic relevant to security;
- A minimum of ten years' experience in multidisciplinary security problems or strategic security problems;
- Knowledge of researching security problems;
- Methods and concepts for addressing security problems;
- Understanding of security threats, drivers and the regional security context;
- Strategic, systemic and complexity thinking.

South African citizenship and security clearance are required for this position.

Should you meet the above requirements, please email your CV to jobapplications@csir.co.za with your name and surname, position title and reference number in the subject line, **(e.g. John Smith: Security Specialist: Reference No: 307808)**

Closing date: 14 July 2017

PLEASE NOTE THAT FEEDBACK WILL BE GIVEN TO SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES ONLY.

For more info, please contact the CSIR Recruitment Centre on **012 841 4774** or email us at Recruitmentinfo@csir.co.za

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