



Education, Training, Internship and Career Information for Prospective Research Psychologists

Research psychology is a specialised sub-discipline in Psychology which focuses on applied research across varying sectors. Masters degrees that specialise in research psychology focus on developing practical and applied research skills in quantitative, qualitative and mixed, or multi-method, research. Such degrees would equip graduates with key skills to work across a range of research environments, including but not limited to, science councils, government, policy research units, NGOs, advocacy organisations, independent research consultancy, and market research or other corporate environments. Masters degrees in research psychology can also serve as the basis for PhD studies and a career in academia.

As a Masters in research psychology degree graduate, one has the opportunity to pursue professional registration with the HPCSA as a Research Psychologist. In order to follow this path, one has to complete one of the five accredited Masters programs in South Africa. Below are a list of the universities that currently offer accredited research programs:

HPCSA accredited universities in South Africa which offer a Masters in Research Psychology		
University	Website	Contact persons
University of the Witwatersrand	https://www.wits.ac.za/shcd/psychology/academic-programmes/masters/research-related-ma-programmes/	Gillian.Finchilescu@wits.ac.za Jill.Bradbury@wits.ac.za Brett.Bowman@wits.ac.za
University of South Africa	https://goo.gl/cvWBVV	manddpsych@unisa.ac.za & fourime@unisa.ac.za
University of the Western Cape	https://www.uwc.ac.za/Faculties/CHS/Psychology/Pages/Postgraduate.aspx	tfennie@uwc.ac.za
University of Pretoria	http://www.up.ac.za/en/psychology/article/43589/postgraduate	psychology.rescom@up.ac.za nessa.augus@up.ac.za
North West University	http://health-sciences.nwu.ac.za/psychology	Dr Werner de Klerk: 12998699@nwu.ac.za Ronelle Lubbe (Postgraduate) 018 299 1784

Having equipped students with key research skills, a Masters degree in Research Psychology opens many doors for graduates. Below are some of the sectors graduates can find internships and/or employment: Social and Health Research Councils, Units and NGOs; Educational Research Councils, Units and NGOs; Research Consultancies and Market Research Companies; Government or Parastatal Organisations, and Units. Within each sector, several distinguished organisations, units, or companies have been listed.

Institution/Organisation/Unit/Company	Contact Person	Website(s)
Social and Health Research Councils, Units and NGOs		
Safety and Peace Promotion Research Unit (SAPPRU) at the UNISA Institute for Social and Health Sciences (ISHS) in Johannesburg and the Medical Research Council (MRC) in Cape Town	Lu-Anne Swart (swartl@unisa.ac.za) Dreyer, Mildred (Dreyema@unisa.ac.za) Shahnaaz Suffla (Shahnaaz.Suffla@mrc.ac.za)	UNISA Website: currently under construction MRC Website: http://www.mrc.ac.za/crime/crime.htm
Centre for Health Policy (CHP)	Bronwyn Harris (bronwyn.harris@wits.ac.za)	http://www.chp.ac.za/

Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVr)	Dominique Dix-Peek (ddixpeek@csvr.org.za) info@csvr.org.za	http://www.csvr.org.za/
Sonke Gender Justice	info@genderjustice.org.za	http://www.genderjustice.org.za/
HIVSA	Ron Allen (allenr@hivsa.com) admin@hivsa.com	http://www.hivsa.com/
Centre for Development and Enterprise	Antony Altbeker (antony@cde.org.za) info@cde.org.za	http://www.cde.org.za/
Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)	Tel: +27 (0)12 302 2000	http://www.hsrc.ac.za/en/jobs http://www.hsrc.ac.za/en
Medical Research Council (MRC)	Tel: +27 21 938-0911 Email: info@mrc.ac.za	http://www.mrc.ac.za/hr/vacancies.htm
Social Surveys Africa	Bev Russell (bev@socialsurveys.co.za)	http://www.socialsurveys.co.za/about.html
Public Affairs Research Institute (PARI)	info@pari.org.za	http://www.pari.org.za/
South African Institute of Race Relations	info@sairr.org.za	http://www.sairr.org.za/profile/vacancies
Institute for Security Studies South Africa	iss@issafrica.org Tel +27 12 346 9500/2	http://www.issafrica.org/about-us/careers-and-opportunities
Centre for Social Development in Africa (CSDA)	myfuture@uj.ac.za Tel: +27 11 559 4555	https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/humanities/csda
Perinatal HIV Research Unit (PHRU)	Jenny Coetzee (coetzeej@phru.co.za) info@phru.co.za Tel: +27 11 989 9700	http://www.phru.co.za/
JVR (Psychometric Research)	info@jvrafrica.co.za research@jvrafrica.co.za	https://jvrafricagroup.co.za/ https://www.jvrpsychometrics.com/
Violence, Injury and Peace Research Unit (VIPRU)	Ashley Van Niekerk (ashley.vanniekerk@mrc.ac.za)	http://www.mrc.ac.za/crime/crime.htm https://goo.gl/xqeNQd
Phelophepha Train (Entabeni Hospital Medical Centre West)	Tel (031) 261 8288/9 Fax (031) 261 4566 Att: Dr Watts (adwatts@iafrica.com anndwatts@iafrica.com) Tel (012) 816 8900 Sybella.vanWyk@lifehealthcare.co.za	http://www.trainofhope.org/ https://www.trainofhope.org/who-we-are/the-phelophepa-vision-mission/ http://www.lifehealthcare.co.za/Company/Training_and_Development.aspx
Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Research Unit (MRC)	Director: Prof Charles Parry E-mail: cparry@mrc.ac.za	http://www.mrc.ac.za/adarg/adarg.htm
Educational Research Councils, Units and NGOs		

Wits Student Equity and Talent Management Unit (SETMU)	Zena Richards (zena.richards@wits.ac.za) Email: ttp.setmu@wits.ac.za Tel: 011 717 8665	https://www.wits.ac.za/about-wits/student-equity-and-talent-management-unit/
JET Education Services	Roelien Herholdt (rherholdt@jet.org.za) Aneesha Mayet (amayet@jet.org.za) Jennifer Shindler (jshindler@jet.org.za) Eleanor Hazell (ehazell@jet.org.za) Tel: +27 11 4036401	http://www.jet.org.za/
Centre for Education Policy Development (CEPD)	Michelle Buchler (michelle@cepd.org.za) Tel: +27-11-4823060 info@cepd.org.za	http://www.cepd.org.za/
Umalusi	Marco Macfarlane (marco@umalusi.org.za) Tel: +27 (12) 349 1510 info@umalusi.org.za	http://www.umalusi.org.za/
Council on Higher Education	Tel: +27 12 349 3840 info@che.ac.za	http://www.che.ac.za/newsroom/vacancies
Mindset Network	Tel: +27 86 100 6463 Email: beverley@mindset.co.za info@mindset.co.za	http://learn.mindset.co.za/
NWU – Potchefstroom campus	Dr Werner De Klerk 12998699@nwu.ac.za PostGrad-EnquiriesPOTCH@nwu.ac.za	www.nwu.ac.za
NWU – Vaal-Triangle campus Optentia Research Focus Area	Prof. Ian Rothmann or Lynn Booysen +27 (0)16 910 3410 lynn.booyesen@nwu.ac.za	www.optentia.co.za www.nwu.ac.za
UCT - Gender Health and Justice Research Unit	Tel: (021) 406-6946 Email: ghjruatuct@gmail.com	http://www.ghjru.uct.ac.za/ghjru/internships/how-to-apply

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University - South Campus in conjunction with Elizabeth Donkin Hospital	Mrs Nomthandazo Cynthia Busakwe Tel: 27 41 504 2330 nomthandazo.busakwe@mandela.ac.za	http://clinic.mandela.ac.za/
Centre for Student Counselling and Development (Stellenbosch University)	021 808 4707 info@sun.ac.za	http://www.sun.ac.za/english/learning-teaching/student-affairs/cscd
Research Consultancies and Market Research Companies		
Khulisa Management Services	Rouxna Hough (rhough@khulisa.com)	http://www.khulisa.com/
Genex Insights (Previously TMS)	Phone: 011 267 1400 Email: info@genex.co.za	http://www.genex.co.za/
Kantar Group	Amien Ahmed (Kantar Pubic – Social Research) amien.ahmed@kantarpublish.com Mercy Chigoma Email: mercy.chigoma@kantar.com	http://www.kantar.com/about http://www.kantar.com/brands Note: 12 Brands/Groups under Kantar with different employment opportunities
Kantar TNS - Quantitative	Mercy Chigoma Email: mercy.chigoma@kantar.com	http://www.tnsglobal.com/office/south-africa-johannesburg
Kantar TNS - Qualitative	Lara Lee Burn (Qualitative Director) – Lara.Burn@tnsglobal.com Mercy Chigoma Email: mercy.chigoma@kantar.com	http://www.tnsglobal.com/office/south-africa-johannesburg
Kantar Millward Brown	Natalie Otte natalie.otte@millwardbrown.com) T. +27 11 202 7000 Mercy Chigoma Email: mercy.chigoma@kantar.com	http://www.millwardbrown.com
Accenture	Check job listings for specific contact information https://www.accenture.com/za-en/Careers/jobsearch	https://www.accenture.com/za-en/careers/students-graduates https://www.accenture.com/za-en/new-applied-now
Ipsos-Markinor	Michelle Grant (michelle.grant@ipsos.com) Anneli Retief (anneli.retief@ipsos.com)	http://ipsos-markinor.co.za/
Kaufman Levin Associates	Enquiries@kla.co.za	http://www.kla.co.za/
TTS-Top Talent Solutions	hr@tts-talent.com.	http://tts-talent.com/

Government or Parastatal Organisations or Units		
South African Police Service	Consult Website	https://www.saps.gov.za/careers/careers.php
Parliament of South Africa	Ms Khungeka Nopote- 021 403-3462	https://www.parliament.gov.za/careers-parliament
SABC	Consult and apply on website (.../SABCCITINFOJOBS)	http://www.sabc.co.za/wps/portal/SABC/SABCHOME http://www.sabc.co.za/wps/portal/SABC/SABCCITINFOJOBS
Military Psychological Institute (MPI)	Colonel Johan Botha (012 671 5208) Major Kenneth Maine (maine.kenneth@gmail.com; 012 319 3212)	No website

As a Masters graduate within this field, one also has the opportunity to pursue a career in various corporations within research & development (R&D) or marketing departments. To list a few examples of such corporations, one would be able to work in the banking sector (e.g.: Standard Bank), technology and communications sector (e.g.: Telkom), and FMCG sector (e.g.: Tiger Brands).

As a graduate, you should regularly check the below job listing websites to keep track of internship, and/or, employment opportunities.

Useful job listings websites	
Mail & Guardian Jobs	http://mgjobs.co.za/
Sunday Times	http://www.timeslive.co.za/jobs/results/?
NGO Pulse	http://www.ngopulse.org/group/home-page/vacancies

If one wishes to pursue HPCSA Registration, one has to complete an internship at an HPCSA accredited internship site, following which you would write board exams. Below is a list of HPCSA accredited internship sites compiled from the HPCSA website. Further information regarding professional registration can be found on the HPCSA website (<http://www.hpcsa.co.za/PBPsychology/Registration>).

HPCSA ACCREDITED INTERNSHIP SITES (Based on Website, last updated on: January 2016)			
Site/Organisation	Contact	Website	Province
Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)	Note: Available to current employees only	http://www.hsra.ac.za/en	Gauteng

Phelophepha Train (Entabeni Hospital Medical Centre West)	Tel (031) 261 8288/9 Dr Watts adwatts@iafrica.com anndwatts@iafrica.com	http://www.trainofhope.org/ https://www.trainofhope.org/who-we-are/the-phelophepa-vision-mission/	Gauteng/ Kwazulu-Natal
Institute for Social and Health Sciences (ISHS)	Lu-Anne Swart (swartl@unisa.ac.za)	https://goo.gl/ESHSCd	Gauteng
Mindset Network	Tel:+27 86 100 6463 Email: beverley@mindset.co.za	http://learn.mindset.co.za/	Gauteng
Centre for Student Counselling and Development (Stellenbosch University)	021 808 4707	http://www.sun.ac.za/english/learning-teaching/student-affairs/cscd	Western cape
Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Research Unit (MRC)	Director: Prof Charles Parry E-mail: cparry@mrc.ac.za	http://www.mrc.ac.za/adarg/adarg.htm	Western cape
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University - South Campus in conjunction with Elizabeth Donkin Hospital	Mrs Nomthandazo Cynthia Busakwe Tel: 27 41 504 2330 nomthandazo.busakwe@mandela.ac.za	http://clinic.mandela.ac.za/	Eastern Cape

Should you not wish to complete your internship at one of the above pre-approved internship sites, you have the opportunity to complete an individualised internship at a non-accredited site of your choice. More information regarding this process and the internship site requirements can be found on the HPCSA website (<http://www.hpcsa.co.za/PBPsychology/Registration>).

Best wishes, PSYSSA, The DRM, and the SD



To join PSYSSA, The DRM, and/or THE SD for more information as well as educational and career-related support, please go to: <http://www.psyssa.com>