



Rural Action for Climate Resilience

Rural Action for Climate Resilience is looking for youth to join a year-long Youth Citizen Journalism Fellowship Programme

The fellowship aims to amplify rural youth voices on the climate crisis and is part of a larger programme (RACR) to build climate resilience in rural communities to be implemented jointly with the Social Change Assistance Trust (SCAT), Heinrich Boell Foundation (HBF) and the Southern African Faith Communities Environmental Initiative (SAFCEI). The action will focus on the Eastern, Western and Northern Cape.

We are looking for six individuals between the ages of 18-35 who are passionate about social and environmental justice from the rural Eastern Cape, Western Cape and Northern Cape.

The candidates must have excellent storytelling skills and good writing/verbal communication skills in English.

Candidates will be responsible for reporting on rural communities' preferences and perceptions regarding climate-related policy decisions and government interventions. Writing longer features when required, producing podcasts on climate change for media clients, more specifically Radio stations, establishing productive relationships within RACR CBOs and with external contacts in the field of climate change and/or the media space, Investigate and reporting on the climate risks faced by their communities, and what the (local, provincial, national) government is doing to address these. This will entail developing relationships with relevant officials, community leaders and attending climate-related events.

Skills:

- To work and prioritise under pressure
- Energy and dedication to citizen/community journalism
- Interest in Climate Change
- Multilingual candidates would be preferred
- Research/ Interviewing skills

Ideally, you will

- Have a Matric/Grade 12 (required)
- Have some journalism experience or further education (writing or broadcast)
- Have an activism background, as a community activist or an active member of a community, on social or environmental issues, and involved with local organisations
- Experience reporting on climate change and /or having an interest and some background regarding climate change advocacy, possibly involved in environmental organisations such as African Climate Alliance, SAFCEI or other organisations (would be a plus).

If you meet the above criteria, please submit the following by no later than 8th November 2021.

1. Updated resume, with contactable references
2. Proof of previous work (Example of a story/broadcast piece)
3. Cover letter detailing why we should select you.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews and further selection process.

Women, disabled, Rural based or candidates from other marginalised groups are encouraged to apply.

Candidates from the following municipalities will be prioritised.

Sarah Baartman District Municipality, Central Karoo District, Buffalo City District Municipality, Sarah Baartman District Municipality, West Coast District, Chris Hani District Municipality, Buffalo City District Municipality, OR Tambo District Municipality, Joe Gqabi District, ZF Mgcawu District, Cape Winelands District, Alfred Nzo District Municipality, Frances Baard District Municipality, Cape Winelands District, Amatole District Municipality, Overberg Municipality.

SCAT, HBF AND SAFCEI reserve the right to not make appointments.

Send your documents or any application-related queries to:
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