Postdoctoral Opportunities

Tayarisha Digital Governance

POSTDOCTORAL OVERVIEW

The Tayarisha Initiative on Digital Governance is seeking postdoctoral researchers to participate in its evolving programmes.

Tayarisha, hosted by the Wits School of Governance, is a hub for teaching, research, policy dialogue, and outreach focused on the challenges and opportunities presented by digitalisation in the public sector, society, and industry in Africa. Tayarisha works closely with key stakeholders including the Wits Innovation Centre (WIC), and various academic, government, and delivery partners. As such, there are ongoing opportunities for excellent candidates to be attached to prestigious Postdoc opportunities for one or more years.

Disciplines and Enquiry Fields

Candidates from a variety of disciplines and enquiry fields of relevance to the theme of digital governance are invited to apply. These fields include:

1. Digital transformations and governance
2. Open government
3. Data governance
4. Digital ethics and rights
5. Digital and telecoms regulation
6. Digital threats and security
7. Building digital capabilities of the state
8. Enabling institutions and ecosystems for digital innovation
9. Gov-Tech and Civic Tech R&D and Incubation
10. Anticipatory governance

Candidates must have obtained a PhD within the past 5 years.

To enquire or submit your CV please contact to Zibusiso Manzini-Moyo: Zibusiso.Manzini-Moyo@wits.ac.za

PLEASE NOTE: This is an open call with no specified closing date, until opportunities are filled. Only successful applicants will be contacted.

About Wits School of Governance

The Wits School of Governance (WSG) is a post-graduate institution that works towards transforming the public, private and non-governmental sectors through education and building an Africa we all want to live in.

We do this by teaching our students skills that help them navigate their challenges with confidence and purpose. We believe in making education relevant to all people by hosting regular public dialogues, debates and talks. We form partnerships with different organisations, including those outside the higher education sector, to ensure that education translates into action.

We attract the best academics to teach our students and also have experienced practitioners contributing to the classroom and debates.

WSG believes firmly that evolution and innovation is critical to our success as the nature of the world changes. We provide an environment which allows students to extend their knowledge of theory and practice in areas that complement their work challenges. It is important to us that our programmes have content that is aligned to global and local challenges. We educate over 1000 students and short course participants annually.

The School is located in Parktown, Johannesburg, one of Africa's biggest cities and South Africa's economic powerhouse. The School falls under the Faculty of Commerce, Law and Management at the University of the Witwatersrand.

Contact Details

🌐 www.wits.ac.za/tayarisha/

🌐 www.wits.ac.za/wsg/

📇 **Zibusiso Manzini**

📞 (011) 717-3868

✉ Zibusiso.Manzini-Moyo@wits.ac.za

About Tayarisha

Tayarisha is the Initiative on Digital Governance, newly established (2021) at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. It is a hub for teaching, research, policy dialogue, and outreach on the challenges and opportunities presented by digitisation in the public sector, society, and industry in Africa.

Tayarisha straddles the nexus of government, business, and society, and is concerned with issues of regulation, public policy, and ethics. Tayarisha intends to contribute to the creation of public good by conducting academically rigorous, cutting-edge action research; providing world-class education; and contributing to public debate on the challenges and opportunities presented by digitisation.