

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

WANTED: CHINESE JOURNALISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN AFRICAN REPORTING PROJECT 2014

For the fifth consecutive year, the Journalism Department of the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, is offering five Chinese journalists a 2-3 week research and reporting opportunity in Africa.

If you are a journalist interested in reporting on China-Africa issues and have a good story proposal, we are offering funding and logistical support to visit Johannesburg and travel within Sub-Saharan Africa to conduct research for an article or series of stories for publication or broadcast in China-based media.

We are offering:

- The opportunity to travel within Africa for 2-3 weeks to investigate a story that would be of interest to a Chinese audience
- Attendance at Power Reporting: The African Investigative Journalism Conference in Johannesburg from 3-5 November 2014 and a China-Africa Reporting day
- Paid airfare, accommodation, conference fees, food and orientation tour in Johannesburg
- Fixed grant amount of \$2500 to cover further travel, accommodation, visas, travel insurance and other costs to enable research
- The possibility of collaborating with experienced African journalists on China-Africa topics

Applicants should:

- Have a minimum of 5 years' experience as a journalist
- Be relatively fluent in English (stories can be written in Chinese)
- Be affiliated to or have a commitment from a media outlet in China indicating that work will be published (commitment or reference letters will count in journalists' favour)
- Have a valid passport and permission from their employer to travel for a minimum of two weeks around early November 2014.

To apply:

- Applicants should submit a brief proposal of no more than 3 pages in English outlining a story to be researched in sub-Saharan Africa; preference will be given to proposals with a focus on China-Africa issues
- Outline the background to the story demonstrating a degree of research and understanding of the topic
- Provide a rough travel plan and budget for onward travel costs from Johannesburg
- Provide a short resume of work experience and two examples of published work

Send your application with all your contact information to Brigitte Read, Project Coordinator: Wits China-Africa Reporting Project, Journalism Department, University of the Witwatersrand at

Email: africa-china@journalism.co.za to reach us by 24 August 2014.

See www.journalism.co.za/chinaafrica for more details.

Please forward to all journalists you think may be interested.

