



**FORT HARE
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**Calling for
Application
2025**

Internship Opportunity (x2) | 2025

Fort Hare Activist School Alumni network in partnership with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung South Africa facilitates internship opportunities for FHAS alumni with completed Master's degrees at FES partner organisations in Johannesburg. The internship programme provides FHAS alumni a pathway to the world of work in civil society, social justice sector, think tanks and progressive research organisations. Two positions are available:

1. Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection (MISTRA)

MISTRA is an independent think tank that takes a long-term view of the strategic challenges facing South Africa, the continent, and the globe.

Educational background: economics, development, sociology, political science or related

Internship focus:

The internship will focus on four projects: The Future of Democracy, Geopolitics, the Local Developmental State in Rebuilding Economies and the Burden of Disease in the Post-Covid-19 World.

The role of the intern will be to support the project team by:

- Conducting research culminating in the production of opinion pieces, policy briefs, podcasts, and other outputs
- Conducting literature reviews and supporting authors and editors who are involved in research on various themes
- Assist the editors in setting up meetings of a reference group and authors
- Participating in fieldwork if required
- Arranging workshops and seminars on the theme
- Attending and presenting at relevant conferences and seminars
- Assisting with the administrative tasks associated with the project

Duration: 10 months

Stipend: R15 338.00 per month

Location: Johannesburg



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2. Institute for Economic Justice (IEJ)

IEJ is a progressive economic policy think tank that advances economic justice, systemic change and the equitable distribution of resources to ensure rights realisation and planetary wellbeing.

Educational background: economics, development, sociology, political science, or related

Internship focus

The intern will work at IEJ on one of the following focus areas, depending on their existing skills and knowledge base, and the needs of the organisation:

- Campaigning, educating and building networks to promote heterodox economic thinking.
- Research, advocacy and policy work geared towards the introduction of a permanent basic income policy with pathways to universality.
- Advocacy and communications to gain hands-on experience in media and digital outreach while working closely with one of IEJ's eight project areas to develop project-specific insights and assisting in amplifying the project's impact.
- Impactful research and advocacy to ensure that the just energy transition reduces energy poverty, provides decent work through localisation, and achieves structural transformation.
- Ensuring that public policy and discourse gives greater prominence to a just transition in the food system, reflecting an awareness of the need to ensure mitigation and adaptation to build transformative resilience.

The role of the intern will be to support the project team by:

- Supporting the development of literature reviews and research papers on relevant topics.
- Writing (or participating in writing) of blog posts, factsheets, toolkits, op-eds, and policy briefs.
- Assisting in the write up of narrative reports.
- Participation in field research.
- Participating in conceptualising events and outputs such as workshops, focus groups and podcasts.



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- Inviting guests and speakers and developing and circulating invitations for webinars, workshops, and symposiums.
- Potentially speaking on invited panels and presenting IEJ work.
- Presenting at stakeholder forums.
- Supporting in coordinating stakeholders.

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Application Process:

Application targeted at one of the two positions (motivation letter of max. 300 words and CV) to be submitted in PDF format to the FHAS Alumni Board and FES via email to fhasalumni@gmail.com and agness.munthali@fes.de by 29 August 2025.

Please clearly indicate the position you are applying for in the subject line, i.e. MN Maweni_MISTRA Internship Application.

The shortlisted applicants would then be interviewed and selected by MISTRA and IEJ.

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by MISTRA and IEJ. FES SA will cover the stipend and initial travel costs. Employment contracts will be issued by the host organisations.

This call is only open to the Fort Hare Activist School alumni.