



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: RESEARCH INTERN

### Xenowatch Project | 6-Month Part-Time Internship

Duration: 1 July 2026 – 31 December 2026 | Remuneration: R10 000 per month | Location: Johannesburg

**Application Deadline: 17 June 2026**

#### About ACMS and the Xenowatch Project

The African Centre for Migration & Society (ACMS) at the University of the Witwatersrand is a leading interdisciplinary research and teaching centre focused on migration, displacement, and diversity in Africa. ACMS is committed to generating rigorous knowledge that informs policy, practice, and public understanding. Xenowatch is an open-source monitoring platform developed by ACMS to track and document xenophobic discrimination across South Africa. The platform collates, visualises, and makes publicly available data on xenophobic incidents, gathered through media monitoring, original research, and crowdsourcing. It serves as a critical resource for researchers, civil society, policymakers, and the public.

#### Position Overview

The African Centre for Migration & Society (ACMS) invites applications from suitable candidates for a 6-month part-time Research Internship with the Xenowatch Project. The successful candidate will contribute to incident monitoring and verification, stakeholder engagement, and database management activities that underpin the Xenowatch platform. The intern will work under the direct supervision of the Project Coordinator and will be supported in developing their research and professional skills throughout the engagement.

#### Requirements

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- An Honours degree in Migration or other relevant Social Science disciplines.
- Demonstrated familiarity with migration and xenophobia research.
- Excellent (written and verbal) communication and interpersonal skills.
- Computer literacy, including proficiency in MS Office applications.
- Demonstrated ability to review and synthesise academic, policy, and media literature and documents.
- Strong attention to detail and a genuine willingness to learn.
- A demonstrated interest in developing as a researcher, including an interest in participating in the full research process, as well as in research report and academic writing.
- Familiarity with ACMS and the Xenowatch project will be considered an advantage.

## Responsibilities

- Conduct daily monitoring of media, social media, and other reporting platforms for incidents of xenophobic discrimination.
- Ensure all incidents are accurately recorded, updated, and appropriately categorised.
- Clean and maintain the Xenowatch incident database.
- Verify reported incidents using follow-up interviews, phone calls, field visits, or verification partners.
- Notify relevant institutions and stakeholders about reported incidents in their areas for timely intervention.
- Maintain and update a list of partner organisations across the country including civil society organisations, NGOs, government bodies, community leaders, and corporate social responsibility representatives.
- Attend relevant stakeholder meetings.
- Provide additional assistance to the Project Coordinator in the implementation of Xenowatch activities, as requested.

## Employment conditions

- *Duration:* 6 months (1 July 2026 – 31 December 2026), subject to renewal depending on performance and funding availability.
- *Employment type:* Part-time internship.
- *Remuneration:* R10 000 per month (subject to tax deduction).
- *Office space:* Provided + basic equipment (e.g., laptop).
- *Other benefits:* None.

## How to Apply

Interested candidates are invited to submit the following documents to ACMS by the application deadline:

- A detailed curriculum vitae (CV)
- A cover letter (maximum 1 page) outlining your interest in the position and relevant experience
- Contact details of two referees
- Submit applications to: [Jean.Misago@wits.ac.za](mailto:Jean.Misago@wits.ac.za)
- **Application deadline: 17 June 2026**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.