



## **Call for Researchers on Party and Campaign Finance - South Africa Elections 2019**

The Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA) is a continental non-governmental organisation located in Johannesburg, South Africa with field offices in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Somalia and Zimbabwe and a regional office in Gabon. EISA strives for “An African continent where democratic governance, human rights and citizen participation are upheld in a peaceful environment”.

**EISA is looking for 10 researchers to work on a 4 weeks short-term contract in the period running up to and immediately after the 2019 National and Provincial Elections in South Africa.** EISA would like to offer 10 researchers across the Limpopo, Northern Cape, Free State, Eastern Cape, Mpumalanga and North West provinces of South Africa an opportunity to conduct desk and field research on party and campaign finance in South Africa.

During this short-term contract, researchers will be based in the provinces to conduct research and report to a lead researcher. EISA will offer a modest stipend.

During the period of the contract the responsibilities of the researchers include:

- Research and information gathering on compliance with the regulatory framework on party financing in South Africa
- Observation of campaign events in their assigned provinces
- Verifying of selected campaign-related expenses
- Conducting key informant interviews
- Production of 2 bi-weekly reports
- Attendance at a training in Johannesburg and a possible debriefing session in Johannesburg
- Reviewing trending election narratives on the campaigns in mainstream and social media per week

### **Qualifications and key competencies:**

- A post-graduate degree in political science, international relations, public policy, law or journalism is required.
- Interest in governance and democracy and specifically election related issues
- Experience in drafting legal or political analysis
- Experience of primary and secondary research. Specific experience in the field of elections will be an added advantage.
- Some minimum administrative, organisational, and communication skills, attention to detail, and competence in the use of a variety of general office computer software (MSWord and MSEXcel);
- Excellent command of English, a good working knowledge of a second South African language is a bonus
- The ability to work with minimal supervision and respect for timelines.
- Familiarity with the context and electoral landscape of the proposed province of deployment.

**To apply** send in a CV (**2 pages**), a cover letter and one reference letter preferably from a work or an academic referee by **17h00, Friday 12 April 2019**. The application should include a cover letter stating your motivation for the position and **the province of interest** to Mr. Siphesihle Ndamase at [siphesihle@eisa.org.za](mailto:siphesihle@eisa.org.za) Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview. EISA reserves the right not to appoint. The contract is open to South African residents and work permit holders only. **Successful applicants should be available to work full-time from 17 April to 17 May 2019**. For more information about EISA visit [www.eisa.org.za](http://www.eisa.org.za).