

# **THE SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**



## **Senior Bioethics Researcher**

The South African Medical Association (SAMA) is seeking to appoint Senior Bioethics Researcher in the Knowledge Management and Research Development (KMRD) Department.

### **Job Purpose:**

To provide the SAMA with ethical expertise on issues that affect medical professionals and the public, to provide research support to Human Rights, Ethics and Law committee and internal SAMA departments, to develop SAMA code of ethics, as well as to assemble and maintain bioethics information repository .

### **Key Objectives**

#### **Ethics Program Management:**

- Establish ethics function within the KMRD department.
- Develop and maintain ethics programs within SAMA.
- Develop SAMA's Code of Ethics.
- Ethics Consultant:
  - Serve as an ethics consultant to SAMA members as cases arise.
  - Serve as a resource to administration and co-workers regarding bioethical issues.
  - May at a fee support other societies and professional association (e.g. Nursing, Physio, social workers etc.) with expert advice.
- Review, analyse, inform and comment on local and international bioethics issues.

#### **Stakeholder Relations:**

- Liaise with HPCSA and other regulatory bodies with regards to professional ethics.
- Provide consultation on bioethics by communication with public through various sources (this will be in alignment with SAMA being a leader in all things medical and will take into cognisance our media policy).
- Maintains contact with appropriate resource persons and organizations.
- Is visible, on a regular basis, with Doctors and co-workers and participates in key meetings to develop and implement programs in bioethics
- As part of the team, ensure that Health Policy (includes health policy documents and legislation) submissions consider bioethics.

**Learning and Growth:**

- Provide education to SAMA doctors using a variety of resources.
- Assembles and maintains Information Repository for ethical issues.
- Remains current and well-informed on developments in the field of bioethics.
- Conduct research to ensure that the organisation stays ahead with regards to ethical issues.

**Expert Support:**

- Provide research support to Human Rights, Law and Ethics Committee.
- Performs other work duties as assigned.

**Job Requirements:**

- Undergraduate degree in Health Sciences, preferably medicine or degree in Law;
- Master's or equivalent degree in a field relevant to the Ethics, which may include ethics, medical law, medicine, health policy or health administration.
- 5 to 10 years in any medical/medical law field; and
- At least 1 to 3 years' experience in a field relevant to Bioethics, which may include ethics, law, medicine, health policy, public health or health administration.

**Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

- Understanding of ethical issues as they impact the medical field.
- Understanding of medical law.
- Academic background and professional healthcare experience to apply ethical reasoning to health issues.
- Must demonstrate initiative and good judgment.

**Term:** Permanent

**To apply:** submit a detailed CV to [careers@samedical.org](mailto:careers@samedical.org) indicating clearly on the subject line for which position you are apply (i.e. Application for Bioethics Specialist).

**Closing date:** 20 February 2019

**Should you not hear anything from us four weeks after the closing date please consider your application unsuccessful.**