CALL FOR GENDER & DATA PROTECTION FELLOWS

CIPIT

The Centre for Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law (CIPIT) is an evidence-based research and training centre at Strathmore University, Nairobi, Kenya. Our Mission is to study, create, and share knowledge on the development of intellectual property and information technology, especially as they contribute to African Law and Human Rights. Our multidisciplinary team, drawn from law, political science, computer science, and development, uses diverse methodological approaches to inform debates on Information and Communications Technology (ICT) applications and regulation and educate and influence relevant stakeholders on attendant Intellectual Property (IP) policies.

DATA GOVERNANCE CENTRE FELLOWSHIP

Description: The CIPIT Data Governance Centre Fellowship Program was created to encourage and enable research and scholarship in the field of data protection and privacy. All research objectives and outcomes of the centre are fact-based and politically – neutral. Some of the work from the Data Governance Centre include:

- Research on the Data Governance Structures of AI Across Africa
- Data Protection In The Kenyan Banking Sector
- Data Protection in the Kenyan Health Sector
- International Data Transfer Principles in Kenya
- Developing Data Protection Guidelines For The Health Sector In Kenya

CIPIT invites applications for a three-month fellowship at the Data Governance Centre 2022. The research agenda for the fellowship is to encourage research in privacy and data protection with gender. Applicants with a background in law, public policy, political science, data governance and/or Information Technology are encouraged to apply.

Previous research, coursework or experience in privacy law, information technology, political
Science, or cybersecurity may be useful. Applicants must be Kenyan citizens, permanent residents or be authorized to work in Kenya.

The 3-month fellowship will begin orientation in November and will end at the end of January 2023.

The CIPIT Data Governance Fellows will work on cutting-edge data governance issues from an African perspective. The objective of the fellowships is to develop literature on data governance policy and gender that will guide and influence jurisprudence and legal scholarship. Fellows will research and write journal articles on topics related to Gender and Data Governance for a Data Protection-themed JIPIT edition. They will also write short blog articles to be published on the CIPIT blog in January 2023.

CIPIT will have a primary role in defining, executing and supporting the projects, and will take an active part in the Fellow’s research project. To aid this, CIPIT will host two research seminars at Strathmore University with the fellows to guide them on how to write. We hope that the CIPIT Data Governance Fellows will form the next generation of thought leaders in the data governance field.
Key attributes of the fellow

- Master's degree with relevant solid experience (exceptional undergraduate candidates will also be considered)
- Interest in IT and IP law, and policy.
- Background in Law, public policy, political science, data governance and/or Information Technology

Location: Remote with two physical research seminars.

Compensation: USD 1750 per month for 3 months.

Application process:
Applicants should submit:
- a CV plus a list of publications,
- the names of two references,
- two recent writing examples (no older than one year) – one academic and one informal in style, and
- a motivation/cover letter, including a research idea of relevance to Data Protection and Gender in Africa.

All submissions are to be sent to cipit@strathmore.edu by 31 October 2022 at 5p.m EAT.