



PROJECT MANAGER: INNOVATIVE FINANCE (2 POSTS)
(25 months contract)
**BERTHA CENTRE FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP**
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

About us:

The [Bertha Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship](#) is the first academic centre in Africa dedicated to advancing social innovation and entrepreneurship. It was established as a specialised unit at the University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business in late 2011. The Bertha Centre's [Innovative Finance \(IF\) Initiative](#) is built around the need to develop an impact-focused investment market in Sub-Saharan Africa, where social and environmental objectives are set and measured to demonstrate deliberate change.

About the role:

The Bertha Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship based at UCT's GSB is looking for **two**, purpose-driven Project Managers to work within the Bertha Centre's IF team. **The first role is focused on Research and Training and the second on Early-Stage Finance.**

The Project Managers will work alongside a dynamic team featuring leading academics and professionals who have experience working on a global level in this field. This role provides an opportunity to be part of a team seeking to create positive impact and progress towards a more inclusive and just society.

Reporting to a Senior Project Manager within the Innovative Finance team, the roles and responsibilities are outlined below.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Working with funders, government, corporates, social enterprises, and development organizations to develop new Innovative Financing mechanisms throughout Africa
- Leading and coordinating a selection of assigned projects through partnership building, individual and project leadership, resource management and strategic thinking
- Researching local and international developments and opportunities in Innovative Finance
- Knowledge generation and dissemination through publishing op-eds, research articles, blog posts and other contributions to national and local news outlets
- Identifying and actioning opportunities to highlight the IF team's work, foster awareness and facilitate collaboration amongst internal and external stakeholders through convenings, speaking engagements and other measures
- Identifying business development and partnership opportunities and developing proposals / applications for future projects
- **For the Research and Training post:** Driving research and thought leadership strategy as well as supporting the development and implementation of courses and training programmes on Innovative Finance
- **For the Early-Stage Finance post:** Building product development partnerships to scale Early-Stage financing with entities across the ecosystem

Requirements for the job:

- An appropriate post graduate degree (PGDip, MBA, MPP or other relevant qualification)
- Practical experience managing and implementing projects
- A minimum of 2 years work experience in the financial sector
- Experience working with stakeholders across sectors (including private, public, and civil society)
- A background in commerce or management consulting.
- Highly organized, and effective in delivering on set objectives across multiple projects and initiatives
- Experienced in managing budgets
- Demonstrated ability to work under tight deadlines and deliver high quality work while managing multiple, complex and/or competing priorities
- Experienced in managing relationships with high-level partners

- Proficient writing skills, especially publications, policy papers and report writing
- Advanced computer skills (including Excel)
- Knowledge of Innovative Financing or Impact Investing
- A creative team player, involved in and committed to the Bertha Centre's mission, priorities, and team
- Committed to social justice and driven by the goal of building impact financing solutions and partnerships for sustainable development.
- Willing to support Bertha Centre team members in multiple ways, sometimes beyond job description.

Contract would be for 25 months and the annual remuneration package for 2021, including benefits, will fall between **R520 246** and **R612 053**

To apply, please visit <http://www.gsb.uct.ac.za/workforum>, click on blue box "View all jobs", follow the brief registration process at the bottom of the advert and submit the following documents:

- UCT Application Form (download at <http://forms.uct.ac.za/hr201.doc>)
- Cover letter motivating your application
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Candidates are requested to **clearly indicate their interest in the Research and Training post, the Early-Stage Finance post or both** in their application form and/or cover letter submissions. An application which does not comply with the above requirements will be regarded as incomplete. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and may be required to undergo an assessment.

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Closing date: 03 November 2021

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