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EXECUTIVE POSITION AT FREEDOM PARK

Freedom Park is a heritage site and museum dedicated to honouring all those who gave their lives in the struggles for freedom. It is established as a cultural institution reporting to the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture and is situated in Salvokop, Pretoria.

The institution invites applications from suitably qualified, experienced and knowledgeable candidates for the following key position:

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: HERITAGE AND KNOWLEDGE

The HOD: Heritage and Knowledge is responsible for providing strategic leadership, intellectual direction and management of Freedom Park's heritage, research and knowledge, and education and outreach programmes, ensuring the advancement of its National Heritage mandate, preservation of historical narratives, and promotion of inclusive memory and identity.

The role works closely with and reports to the Chief Executive Officer to strengthen programme impact, enhance knowledge production, and deepen stakeholder engagement. The HOD will be expected to lead the Heritage and Knowledge function through a phase of content development, research excellence and strategic alignment with national priorities.

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Minimum Requirements

- A Master's degree (NQF Level 9), preferably in the Social/Human Sciences or a related field.
- Eight years' senior management experience, preferably within the heritage, cultural, research, knowledge management, or broader public sector environment.
- Demonstrated capability in strategic leadership, programme oversight, project management, organisational performance and stakeholder engagement.
- Experience managing complex programmes or functions with public accountability and delivering results in dynamic and evolving contexts.
- Strong leadership and strategic thinking ability, with the capacity to guide multidisciplinary teams, optimise resources and foster a high-performance and innovative culture.

SENIOR APPOINTMENT

The above key Freedom Park position will be for a five-year fixed-term contract, with a probationary period of six (6) months. Remuneration and benefits will be aligned to public-sector norms.

APPLICATIONS

Interested South African applicants must submit a comprehensive CV with three contactable referees, a cover letter outlining their suitability for the position, and certified copies of their ID and qualifications.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted (by 16 October 2026). By applying, you automatically give consent to criminal record check, qualifications verification and all other relevant pre-employment screening processes, in accordance with applicable legislation.

Freedom Park reserves the right, within the bounds of the law, to verify any information provided by applicants, including conducting independent background checks where necessary.

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Shortlisted candidates will also be required to undergo assessments evaluating competence, psychometric attributes and other relevant criteria, in accordance with applicable legislation and professional standards.

Freedom Park is an equal opportunity employer. All appointments are made in accordance with applicable legislation and on the basis of merit, including the inherent requirements of the job and the candidate's qualifications, skills, experience, and competencies, while supporting the organisation's employment equity objectives.

NB! This is a re-advertisement. Persons who applied in April and May 2026 need not apply.

CLOSING DATE: 30 September 2026

SUBMISSION: Submit your application containing your detailed and up-to-date CV and certified copies (not older than 3 months) of your ID and academic qualifications. Submit to the following email address: hr@freedompark.co.za with the subject line indicating the reference code: HOD2026

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Freedom Park reserves the right not to make an appointment.