

M&G vacancy: Politics Editor

Deadline: November 30 2015

Position Summary:

The M&G is looking for a politics editor across platforms to join the publication, permanently.

Main responsibilities

- Oversee the political diary and political staff and ensure that they produce regular news breaks that are capable of leading the paper as well as the website, as well as in-depth analysis, profiles and behind the scene reportage.
- Report on and analyse public policy.
- Enhance M&G online political coverage.
- Write political analyses and features which distinguish the Mail & Guardian from its competitors.
- Represent the M&G on public platforms such as radio and television interviews and public debates.
- Have a wide range of contacts in government and across SA's political spectrum.
- Write a political analysis column on a fortnightly basis.
- Contribute to reporting and analysis, combining a journalistic role with a leadership role in the newsroom.

Required skills

- Excellent knowledge of media law and ethics
- First-class English language skills
- A firm grasp of current affairs, especially locally
- A wide network of sources
- Senior editorial experience at a national title
- A thorough understanding of the Mail & Guardian news brand

Highly advantageous experience & skills:

- Strong organisational skills
- Experience in digital journalism

Characteristics and competencies:

- Strong interpersonal skills
- Excellent communication skills (verbal and written)
- Exceptional planning and implementation skills
- Ability to work accurately under pressure
- Able to meet deadlines
- Strong analytical ability

Required Qualifications

- A degree in Journalism or similar qualification

Remuneration: Negotiable depending on experience

The appointment will be done in line with the M&G Media Ltd Employment Equity Policy and the remuneration will commensurate with the position. Applicants must be based in Johannesburg.

Applications should be addressed to Agness Jura-Ganje.

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