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Arid Lands Node Manager

Contract type: Permanent

Job Level: Management

Work Location: Kimberley, Northern Cape

The National Research Foundation (NRF) supports and promotes research and human capital development through funding, the provision of National Research Facilities and science outreach platforms and programmes to the broader community in all fields of science and technology, including natural sciences, engineering, social sciences and humanities.

SAEON is funded by the Department of Science and Innovation, and managed by the National Research Foundation. SAEON is mandated to create knowledge of environmental change through six geographically distributed nodes.

- * The Node for Arid Lands has been in operation since January 2011 and is hosted by the South African National Parks as a platform for environmental monitoring and research, information management and environmental science education. Applicants with extensive experience in environmental monitoring and research in arid ecosystems combined with sound data management knowledge will be duly considered.
- * Purpose:
Oversee node programmes and platforms, data streams, student training, environmental science education and public engagement.
- * Manage staff, business operations, diversified income streams and budgets, infrastructure, properties and host relationships of the designated SAEON node.
- * Play a leading role in the development of environmental science in terms of research and capacity development, especially facilitating the reviewing and publication of previous knowledge and promoting scholarly growth.
- * Represent the designated node, SAEON and NRF at stakeholder engagements in locally, nationally and internationally, facilitating the availability of knowledge generated by SAEON for policy-related decisions.
- * Participate in the collective management of SAEON to facilitate cohesion and integration across the institution.

Key Responsibilities:

- * •Design and implement a sustainable set of observation facilities to deliver quality long-term environmental data in accordance with SAEON's Core Science Framework and the advice of SAEON's senior research staff
- * •Maintain a data management system
- * •Ensure data and field support for collaborating partners and research students
- * •Manage support staff and interns, finances, equipment and related infrastructure
- * •Liaison with the node hosts (SANPARKS), stakeholders and other SAEON nodes
- * •Deliver periodic business plans, reports, services and communication products
- * •Support and enable local environmental science engagement programs

Key Requirements:

Qualification:

- * •Experience with performance management of junior staff, budget control and project management
- * •Research experience that is relevant to the particular node/biome
- * •Experience of training post-graduate students

Experience:

- * •Strong evidence of research outputs and reporting
- * •Accustomed to long distance travelling and conducting ecological fieldwork

Knowledge:

- * PhD in Ecology or a related environmental research field
- * •Management training

Information:

The website www.nrf.ac.za provides more details on the NRF initiatives and activities.

Applications:

Applicants should submit a comprehensive CV by logging to <https://ess.nrf.ac.za/Account/Recruitment> and apply online. Applications should be accompanied by a letter of motivation indicating the applicant's suitability for the position. The names and contact details of at least three referees should be provided.

Closing Date: 24 May 2023

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The NRF reserves the right not to make an appointment.

Correspondence will be sent to short-listed candidates only