
**Post-Doctoral Fellowship 2021:
Plant Reproductive Ecology in Afromontane regions of South Africa**

The Afromontane Research Unit and Department of Plant Sciences at the University of the Free State (UFS): Qwaqwa campus, is advertising a Post-doctoral fellowship focussing on reproductive ecology of indigenous and invasive plant species in Afromontane regions of Southern Africa.

The Qwaqwa campus is situated at the foot of the Northern Maloti-Drakensberg mountain range in the eastern Free State Province which supports an extremely diverse flora. Our location thus offers the opportunity to explore evolutionary trends in plant traits associated with a variety of plant-animal interactions in Afromontane ecosystems, including the use of indigenous fauna as pollinators and seed dispersers by exotic plant species.

FELLOWSHIP DETAILS

- One year with the option of renewing for a second year, depending on performance.
- The Fellowship is valued at ZAR220,000.00 for one year (12 months) with R30,000.00 for running costs.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Candidates should have preferably completed their Doctoral studies within the past 5 years, or can show proof of pending graduation in 2020.
- Applications from South African and international candidates are welcomed.
- Candidates may not hold full-time salaried employment during the tenure of the award.
- The following intellectual/experience background will be preferred:
 - Basic taxonomic knowledge and experience with herbarium specimens.
 - A background in evolutionary biology, pollination &/or dispersal ecology.
 - A willingness to co-supervise postgraduate students.
 - Excellent data analysis and writing skills.
- It is highly recommended that the Fellow have a valid drivers' license.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Motivation Letter.
- Full Curriculum Vitae (CV) (including a list of academic outputs to date).
- Full transcripts of academic record.
- Copy of degree certificates.
- Copy of South African identity document or Passport (international candidates).
- Signed letters of recommendation from three academic references.

A Fellowship is currently available for this position, and will be awarded on a competitive basis, taking into account the applicants' academic achievements and research potential.

Application deadline: 31 October 2020

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