

Freshwater Scientist

**SANBI career ladder Scientist post
(Contact ends 31 August 2020)
Biodiversity Research, Assessment and Monitoring Division
Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, Cape Town
(BRAM/2018/004)**

An exciting career opportunity is available to a highly motivated and appropriately qualified young scientist who will contribute to the South African National Biodiversity Institute's (SANBI) programme of work on freshwater biodiversity issues.

This appointment requires a graduate with a minimum of an Honours degree with a focus on ecology, enhanced by a minimum of 1 year freshwater-related experience and an interest in developing strong wetland-focussed competencies. GIS skills, knowledge of wetland soils and wetland ecological processes, and a Master's degree would be an added advantage. The successful candidate must be in possession of a valid driver's license, Code B, be willing to travel and have excellent organisational and administrative skills, and spoken and written command of English.

Key Responsibilities:

- Undertake field surveys and research projects, and produce scientific reports and or/papers under guidance of the Freshwater Biodiversity Unit leadership;
- Contribute to SANBI's freshwater biodiversity assessment, monitoring and planning activities as required;
- Participate in various fora relating to freshwater biodiversity matters in South Africa to develop and strengthen collaborations;
- Work with various information management systems and stakeholders to manage freshwater biodiversity data;
- Work together with the Freshwater team in achieving the programme of work for the Unit.

Salary commensurate with a range of inputs and outputs in terms of the SANBI career ladder for scientists.

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Please Note: 1) Portfolio of evidence (Scientists application form – obtained from our Offices or SANBI website www.sanbi.org/jobs) must be accompanied by a letter motivating why the applicant should be favourably considered for the position and confirming that the minimum qualifications are met (applicants lacking evidence of relevant qualifications will not be considered). Portfolio of evidence template can be requested by recruitmentct@sanbi.org.za 2) A skills test will be conducted as part of the selection process. 3) Applicants must also provide the full names, address and telephone number and if possible e-mail address of at least three referees. 4) Failure to submit the requested information and reference number will result in your application not being considered.

Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. SANBI reserves the right not to fill this position. All applications will be considered with the understanding that, in terms of the SANBI Employment Equity Plan, preference will currently be given to candidates from the designated groups.

Contact Mr Nikita Arends on (021) 7998877/8800 or preferably, forward the completed application form, a letter and concise CV and certified qualifications via e-mail to recruitmentct@sanbi.org.za or fax 0865899569. Postal applications are to be addressed to the Deputy Director: Human Resources, South African National Biodiversity Institute, Private Bag X7, Claremont, 7735.

Closing date: 13 July 2018

Candidates are expected to be available for selection interviews on a date and time as determined by SANBI. *If no response has been received within 30 days of the closing date, candidates may consider their application unsuccessful.*