

North-West University

POTCHEFSTROOM CAMPUS

FACULTY OF NATURAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES AND DEVELOPMENT

Junior Scientific Officer / Scientific Officer in Botany

Minimum requirements are the following:

- Appropriate honours or master's degree in Botany and/or Horticulture
- Approximately 2-5 years experience in the management and/or operation of botanical gardens
- Computer literacy in MS Office (Word, Excel and PowerPoint) as well as e-mail and internet
- Proven relevant research record
- Sound knowledge of the South African flora and enthusiasm for its conservation
- Appropriate technical skills for managing the botanical garden – cultivating of plants, glass house management, irrigation, etc.
- Excellent communication and marketing skills, and the ability to "sell" the vision for the garden
- Good staff management and leadership skills, including assertiveness and accountability
- Good interpersonal relations and the ability to work together with staff on different levels
- Demonstration of language proficiency in order to function optimally in the various functionally multilingual environments of the NWU.

Closing date for applications: 31 August 2011.

Commencement of duties: As agreed with the successful candidate.

Benefits: Attractive study benefits as well as the normal fringe benefits apply.

Enquiries: Prof. H van Hamburg, tel. 018 299 2385.

FOR APPLICATION FORMS, please contact the Human Resources Department at tel. 018 299 4961 or send an email to recruithr@nwu.ac.za. Application forms are also available at Room G25, C1 Building, Institutional Office. Completed application forms must either be handed in at the Human Resources Department on the campuses as specified on the application form, or sent via email to recruithr@nwu.ac.za, or faxed to 018 293 5308.

The University subscribes to and applies the principles of the Employment Equity Act. While merit, based on qualifications, experience and proven achievements, forms the basis for appointment, the University is committed to the need to transform and diversify its staff profile. The University reserves the right not to make an appointment.



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