



The **South African Environmental Observation Network (SAEON)** is a research platform funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and managed by the National Research Foundation (NRF). SAEON is mandated to establish and manage long-term environmental observatories; maintain reliable long-term environmental data sets; promote access to data for research and/or informed decision making; and contribute to capacity building. The mandate is executed through six geographically distributed nodes that are coordinated by the SAEON National Office in Pretoria.

SAEON invites applications from suitably qualified individuals for the position of:

Scientist

(Based at the Fynbos Node in Cape Town, Western Cape)

Key responsibilities will include:

- Develop, design and implement research and monitoring projects to further the understanding of the drivers of global change and their impacts on the Fynbos environment
- The development of research relationships with Higher Education Institutions and Research Institutes that will support SAEON's research and monitoring objectives
- Recruitment of post-graduate students and supervision of their research in order to build research capacity in global change science
- Conduct reviews of research relevant to understanding global change in Fynbos
- Publication of peer reviewed research papers
- Provide input based on evidence for mitigation or adaptation to global change at management and policy level
- Ensure effective planning, administration, reporting and financial management of all activities

Requirements

- The minimum qualification required is a completed PhD in ecology, biology or environmental sciences
- Two or more years post-PhD research experience
- A record of peer-reviewed publications
- Experience of collaboration with scientists and students
- Ability to communicate effectively in oral and written English
- A valid driver's licence

Applications should include detailed *Curriculum vitae*, covering letter and contact details of at least three referees.

Applications should be forwarded to leazill@saeon.ac.za or alternatively posted to SAEON, P.O. Box 2600, Pretoria, 0001, Attention: Human Resources.

Closing date for receiving applications: 16 September 2011

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