

South African National Biodiversity Institute Six-month Science Internships in Cape Town and Durban

1 October 2011 – 31 March 2012

SANBI is offering a number of internship positions to contribute towards ongoing research projects. Applicants should be science students interested in gaining practical experience in research. Enthusiastic students with BSc, BSc Hons and MSc degrees are urged to apply. No prior working experience is required but good grades at university and a keen interest in biological sciences and the environment will be a distinct advantage.

We invite applications from South African students and preference will be given to students from previously disadvantaged backgrounds. Interns will be appointed for six months from 1 October 2011 – 31 March 2012.

Internships are currently available in the following research areas:

Cape Town:

- Restoration Ecology
- Invasion Biology (Alien Surveys)
- Reptile and amphibian phylogeography
- Degradation (National Vegetation Database)
- Threatened Species (Conservation and Monitoring)
- Plant taxonomy and herbarium techniques
- Illegal trade of threatened species
- Pollination Biology
- Geo-referencing of insect data

Durban:

- Invasion Biology
- Plant taxonomy and herbarium techniques

Applicants must be prepared to do field work.

A skills development programme will run alongside the research experience.

The monthly stipend offered is fixed at R4,500. No other benefits apply as these are contract positions.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please complete the attached application cover sheet and submit together with your CV, certified copies of academic record and highest qualification, ID and letter of interest stating why you should be considered for this position and reflecting your preferred research programme (as listed above).

Send all documents to: Ms Fiona Kahn students@sanbi.org.za **Subject: Science Internship application** or fax to 086 690 7097. Postal applications may be addressed to: Ms Fiona Kahn, South African National Biodiversity Institute, Private Bag X7, Claremont, 7735.

If no response has been received within 14 days of the closing date, candidates may assume that their applications were unsuccessful.

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Closing date: 21 September 2011