



The Centre for Wildlife Management and Centre for Invasion Biology, University of Pretoria in collaboration with the College of Natural Sciences, University of Bangor

Call for application: Postdoctoral fellowship

The vision of the CWM is to be a leading research intensive center, recognized internationally for its quality, relevance and impact in wildlife management and biology, and also for developing people, creating knowledge and making a difference locally and globally within the field. This ties in well with Bangor University's College of Natural Sciences, which incorporates the Schools of Biological Science and Environment, Natural Resources and Geography to facilitate multidisciplinary research on the full breadth of natural sciences.

The candidate will apply to the Centre for Invasion Biology (CIB) through Michael Somers (a core team member of the CIB) and be registered at University of Pretoria. The fellowship will be supervised by Matt Hayward (Bangor University) and Michael Somers (University of Pretoria). There is the option of spending part of the time in Wales during the post-doc.

Activities will be organized across two major themes: 1) Answering the question "Do prey preferences explain the impact of invasive predators?"; and 2) Advancing the conceptual framework of Reintroduction Biology, using invasion biology theory as a starting point.

The successful candidate is expected to mostly work independently but at times closely with the supervisors, to help with mentoring postgraduate students and to publish high level peer-reviewed scientific papers.

Key areas of interest and/or expertise for this person might include: proficiency with statistical modeling, a passion for ecology, good communication skills and a sound understanding of principles of conservation biology, ecology and practical management.

He or she should have a PhD degree (preferably within the past five years) and an established ability to write and publish academic work in high quality journals.

Postdoctoral fellows will receive a competitive bursary in addition to office space and a computer. The duration of the fellowships are two years, with the option to apply for other funding afterwards.

Applicants should submit a cover letter including a short motivation (1-2 pages) for their suitability for the position, together with CV, PDF copies of up to three recent publications and full contact details of three referees, to Prof. Michael Somers (mjs@up.ac.za) and Dr. Matt Hayward (m.hayward@bangor.ac.uk). Please submit your application by 20 October 2013 for short-listing by the 23rd October. The short-listed applicant will need then to put in a two page application via the CIB which has a deadline on 1 November 2013 (see: <http://academic.sun.ac.za/cib/>).