



SARCHI Chair on Biodiversity Value & Change in the Vhembe Biosphere Reserve Hosted by University of Venda & Centre for Invasion Biology Call for applications: PHD bursaries

The vision of the Chair is to create a vibrant hub for biodiversity science, training and conservation application within the SADC region, based in the newly proclaimed UNESCO Vhembe Biosphere Reserve of northern Limpopo Province, South Africa. The Chair is hosted by the University of Venda and co-hosted by the Centre for Invasion Biology (C·I·B) at University of Stellenbosch. The candidate will be registered at University of Venda, a rural-based university in northern Limpopo Province. Activities will be organised across four major themes: 1) Conservation biology & practice; 2) Ecosystem services and livelihoods; 3) Invasion biology; 4) Climate change. Successful candidates will join an active research team and complement a growing body of exciting ecological research centred in the Soutpansberg Mountains, a recognised Centre of Plant Endemism and a hotspot of plant and animal diversity.

Applications are invited for two full-time PHD bursaries to commence in 2014.

Requirements: Students should have an appropriate MSC and a good academic record in ecology. Students who are already employed and wishing to study part-time will not be eligible for the bursary. As projects will generally involve a fair amount of field work, preference will be given to candidates who can work independently, have a Code 08 driver's licence, and are well organised.

Conditions: Preference will be given to South African citizens and to females. Bursars should not hold concurrent bursaries.

Value:

R100,000 pa for three years

Additional project running expenses are provided.

How to apply: Students should send a written application with a sample project proposal, a CV that includes your academic record, any scientific publications on which you have been an author, and proof of your ability to be organized and work independently, academic transcripts and the names of at least two academic referees. Please submit your application by Friday 29th November 2013.

Submit applications (or request additional information) directly to: Prof Peter Taylor, SARCHI Chair, University of Venda (Peter.Taylor@univen.ac.za)

