



Call for Application: Small mammal community structure in agroecosystems - MSc bursary 2014/2015.

Applications are invited for an MSc project to commence in 2014, with research focusing on small mammal community structure in agroecosystems. The research project will investigate the community structure, drivers and associated outcomes related to rodent outbreaks in agricultural environments. This research forms part of a larger project aimed at developing long-term sustainable rodent pest management through Ecologically Based Rodent Management practices. The project as advertised is part of a research project that will run in conjunction with research undertaken by the Agricultural Research Council (ARC; PPRI) and the University of Venda (UNIVEN). The student will be registered at the Centre for Wildlife Management, University of Pretoria and will work closely with researchers from ARC and UNIVEN.

This research project will require extensive independent field work, and previous experience with small mammal trapping and relevant field work will be an advantage. Applicants must have a current EB driver license.

Candidates will be selected on skill and merit and must meet University of Pretoria Post Graduate entry level criteria:

http://up.edurecruit.co.za/index.php/programme_details/2441-MSc-Wildlife-Management

Running costs and a bursary equivalent of a NRF MSc bursary for the student are secured for 2014 and 2015.

Please send an application with:

- 1) A statement of interest that explains to us what motivates you to pursue a higher degree, what kinds of questions interest you, and why you think that you will be a suitable student, with examples of your ability to be organized and work independently.
- 2) A detailed CV that includes your relevant work experience.
- 3) Copies of your Academic transcripts.
- 4) Name and contact details of two references.

Closing date: 30th of November 2013. Project to start in early January 2014. We will contact you in early December for a Skype or telephonic interview should you be shortlisted.

Please submit your application (or request for additional information) directly to Dr. Mark Keith mkeith.up@gmail.com