



SAEON (www.saeon.ac.za) is a national research facility that conducts long-term research and monitoring to detect, understand and predict environmental change. The SAEON Ndlovu Node, hosted by SanParks at Phalaborwa, is a branch of SAEON that focusses on the savanna biome. A self-motivated and enthusiastic person, who is technologically-minded and enjoys working outdoors in natural environments, is required to maintain research instruments at research sites in national parks, game reserves and rural areas.

SENIOR TECNICIAN

(3 Year contract)
(Phalaborwa based)

Responsibilities:

- Installation and maintenance of research equipment, including automated weather stations, hydrology instruments and camera traps.
- Management of data.
- Supervision of field assistants.
- Assistance with the collection of ecological data.

Requirements:

- Completed BSc degree with majors in Botany, Zoology, Ecology, Geography or a similar discipline.
- A valid code EB drivers licence.
- Physically fit – individuals will be required to pass a medical exam. The job holder will often be required to work outdoors for 8 hours a day.
- Language proficiency in English (Afrikaans, Sepedi or Tsonga would be beneficial).
- Experience with environmental research or monitoring, including data management.
- Competency with GIS, preferably with Quantum GIS and / or ArcGIS software, would be advantageous.
- Previous experience and working knowledge of automated, electronic instruments would be advantageous.
- Competence with basic statistics, and the use of the statistical software R, would be advantageous.

Applications should include a detailed *Curriculum vitae*, covering letter and contact details of at least three referees. Completed application forms **must** accompany your application. Forms can be downloaded from <http://www.saeon.ac.za/careers>

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: 14 July 2014.

SAEON is committed to employment equity and redress. *SAEON reserves the right not to make an appointment to the position as advertised.*