



The South African Environmental Observation Network (SAEON) is looking for pro-active and experienced environmental scientists with a passion for systems ecology to drive its science development. SAEON is funded by the Department of Science and Technology, and managed by the National Research Foundation.

SAEON creates reliable information about and understanding of environmental change through sourcing long-term data from historical, existing and new observation programmes. This is done through six geographically distributed nodes and supervised by the SAEON National Office in Pretoria.

Field Technicians - 1 position based in Kimberley (Arid Lands) and 1 position based in Pietermaritzburg (Grasslands-Forests-Wetlands)

Responsibilities:

- Perform *in situ* observations at SAEON research sites
- Perform data collection and input tasks
- Do maintenance of collections, laboratory and field equipment
- Provide assistance with the education, training and communication programmes
- Supervise field workers
- Coordinate the liaison with land owners and managers
- Provide general support service to researchers and students.

Requirements:

- A relevant National Diploma. BSc or BTech degree will be advantageous
- 2 years' experience in ecological fieldwork
- Proven ability to work without close supervision
- Accuracy, attention to detail, diligence and persistence
- Special technical skills, e.g. GIS and collection/laboratory experience would be advantageous
- Willingness to travel, camp and work outdoors for extended period
- Valid driver's licence.

Closing date: 16 July 2010

Applications should include a comprehensive curriculum vitae as well as a letter clearly motivating the individual's suitability for this position.

Applications can be sent to leazill@saeon.ac.za or alternatively posted to SAEON, PO Box 2600, Pretoria, 0001, Attention Human Resources.

If no response has been received from SAEON within 21 days of the closing date candidates may assume that their applications were unsuccessful.

SAEON is committed to employment equity and redress

SAEON reserves the right not to make an appointment to the advertised position.