

We are looking for an extremely motivated and independent biology student with a master's degree to join the striped mouse project for a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 3 years as research manager. Somebody who would like to gain experience in field work and scientific management. Managers get free accommodation at the station and R4500/month to cover their daily costs. Travel costs can be refunded by up to an additional R 12 000 / year. As such, the position compensates for all arising costs but does not represent a real employment. The research manager will work closely together with the station manager and both managers will share responsibilities. However, each will have specific main duties, but should also be able to deal with all other duties (for example when the other manager is on leave, or when a new manager has to be trained). We already have an acting station manager while our present research manager will leave the project end of the year to search for a PhD position. The new research manager will be instructed by the present research manager and both will overlap for 1-3 months. Great opportunity: This is a great opportunity to spend 1-3 years in Africa, acquiring important skills in field biology and project management, while improving your CV. These skills will become valuable whether you later continue with a PhD or other jobs. It will be very hard and demanding, but also a once in a life time experience! You must be hard-working, highly motivated, able to work independently, good in communicating with people, able to supervise others, and not afraid of snakes. You should love to live at a remote place in nature, without regular internet and cell-phone reception. Most importantly, you are fascinated by nature and science!

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