



Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Department of Plant Sciences

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (2-year Contract)

Job ID: 4639

KINDLY TAKE NOTE: Applications may only be submitted online through the official UFS vacancy website: <https://ufs.hua.hrsmart.com/hr/ats/JobSearch/viewAll> - Applications submitted through any other platform will not be considered.

The University of the Free State (UFS) invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for a postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Plant Sciences.

The following Post-Doctoral Fellowship is available to support activities in the discipline of Plant Pathology:

Research area: Research on soil-borne pathogens of agricultural crops.

The successful applicant will be expected to engage in full-time Post-Doctoral studies under the supervision of Prof Wijnand Swart in the Division of Plant Pathology (Department of Plant Sciences).

Duties and responsibilities:

- Lecturing 2nd semester course: Ecology of Plant Pathogens (Module PPLG3744)
- Lecturing 2nd semester course: Host-parasite Interactions (Module PPLG4824 / 6824)
- Assist with supervision of post-graduate research (Honours, Masters and PhD)
- Publish own research in peer-reviewed journals

Minimum Requirements:

- A doctoral degree obtained in the last four years in Plant Pathology with a **specialization in soil-borne diseases**.
- Applicants must be under the age of 50 years
- Must be based at the Bloemfontein campus of the UFS for the duration of the scholarship.

Comprehensive applications are invited, comprising of:

- A PhD degree in Plant Pathology with undergraduate training in host-pathogen interactions
- A letter of motivation, including the earliest possible starting date
- An up-to-date CV
- Contact details of two academic referees
- Record of academic transcripts
- An example of your academic writing skills, by either providing an article or chapter of your PhD thesis

- **Value of the fellowship:**
- R 220,000 annual fellowship.
- R 30,000 additional research expenses fund.

Application:

- Applications to be uploaded using the provided link.
- Late applications will not be considered.
- An online interview will take place.
- Successful individuals will be contacted six to eight weeks after the interviews
- The successful incumbent may be considered for a permanent position if their performance is satisfactory during the post-doctoral term.

Closing date:

17 July 2022

Commencement of fellowship:

As soon as possible

For enquiries, please contact:

Email: **Prof Wijnand Swart**, swartwj@ufs.ac.za

General:

The University reserves the right not to fill the post. The University subscribes to and applies the principles prescribed by the Employment Equity Act. Preference will be given to candidates from the designated groups, in accordance with the principles of the aforementioned act and the employee profile of the specific department/division.

The University processes personal information in line with its obligations under the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) and any personal information provided to the University will be treated as confidential and processed in accordance with the rights provided to data subjects under POPIA.

The UFS will only consider applications of candidates who meet all the inherent requirements of the position. Applications that are incomplete will not be considered. Communication will be limited to shortlisted candidates only. Should you not be contacted within six weeks of the closing date for applications, you may assume that your application was unsuccessful.