

The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) is a premier science institution that conducts research with partners, develops human capital and foster innovation in support of the agricultural sector. It provides diagnostic, laboratory, analytical, agricultural engineering services, post-harvest technology development, agrochemical evaluation, consultation and advisory services, food processing technology services as well as various surveys and training interventions. Through its wider network of research institutes and experimental farms, the ARC provides a strong scientific base and a broadly distributed technology transfer capacity to the entire agricultural industry in South Africa.

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***The ARC-Plant Health and Protection seeks to appoint an experienced and dynamic person to the following position at Roodeplaat.***

## **RESEARCH TECHNICIAN (FIXED TERM CONTRACT)**

### ***Key Performance Areas:***

- Collection and analysis of research data in support of biocontrol research of an invasive alien plants, including *Cestrum*, *Lantana*, *Tithonia* and *Tecoma* species.
- Maintenance of insect cultures and test plants required for screening of potential agents.
- Setting up experiments (e.g. host specificity tests, bioassays)
- Mass-rearing, release and monitoring of biocontrol agents.
- Conduct field work.
- General maintenance and management of laboratory equipment.

### ***Requirements:***

- At least a National Diploma in Agriculture or equivalent NQF 6.
- Evidence of research experience in weed biocontrol or insect/plant interactions.
- Ability to organize, prioritize and work systematically.
- Good verbal and written communication skills.
- Computer literate.
- Valid driver's license for South Africa.

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**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 09 JUNE 2021**

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A competitive remuneration package will be congruent with the scope, responsibilities and the stature of the position. The appointment will be subject to a positive security clearance and preference will be given to South African citizens.

Applications accompanied by covering letter, detailed CV (Including certificates, supporting documents, copy of driver's license and nationality. NB: Non-RSA Citizens/work permit holders must attach certified copies) as well as the names and particulars of three (3) traceable referees must be e-mail to [ppricv@arc.agric.za](mailto:ppricv@arc.agric.za).

SAQA evaluation report must accompany foreign qualifications. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants who do not receive any response four (4) weeks after the closing date must regard their applications as unsuccessful. The Agricultural Research Council is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to the principles and processes of Employment Equity. The company has the right not to appoint.

