



LECTURER/SENIOR LECTURER

(6 -Year Contract)

MARINE AND ANTARCTIC RESEARCH CENTRE FOR INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY (MARIS) AND THE AFRICAN CLIMATE INITIATIVE (ACDI) FACULTY OF SCIENCE

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Closing date: 07 September 2026

Reference:

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Requirements of the job at Lecturer level:

- A PhD degree in an area cognate to interdisciplinary marine social sciences, such as geography, sustainability sciences, environmental anthropology and other relevant fields,
- A track record of research publications, commensurate with career stage; including evidence of inter-and transdisciplinary research,
- Evidence of commitment to socially engaged marine and coastal research, and
- Evidence of methodological work that bridges qualitative and quantitative approaches in the service of decision-making under complexity.

Additional requirements of the job at Senior Lecturer level:

- At least two years of post-PhD academic and/or practice experience,
- Significant teaching experience at university level,
- Experience in course convening at undergrad or postgraduate levels,
- Experience in supervision of Masters and/or PhD students,
- A track record of research publications, commensurate with career stage, and
- Evidence of active contribution to administration.

Responsibilities:

- Develop and teach undergraduate and postgraduate courses on sustainable ocean governance, marine social-ecological systems and processes, transdisciplinary research methods, climate adaptation in marine and coastal contexts, and related areas;
- Contribute at least one teaching block to the new Doctoral Training Academy;
- Supervise postgraduate students;
- Contribute to the departmental MARiS and Africa Climate Collaborative administration;
- Participate in MARiS and Africa Climate Collaborative activities;
- Pursue a personal research programme that is socially responsive and publish this research in high quality journals; and
- Contribute to joint research projects and research proposals.
- For the Senior Lecturer position, the incumbent will be required to co-convene the Applied Ocean Science Masters programme and to contribute to its management and development in collaboration with other South African universities in the ocean sciences, including curriculum development and integration across university departments and partner universities.

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You will need to attach your CV, a one-page teaching statement and a motivation letter that speaks to the specific requirements of the position.

Any enquiries around the application process to be addressed to Ms Abigail Dixon at abigail.dixon@uct.ac.za or 021 650 1673

An application which does not comply with the above requirements will be regarded as incomplete. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and may be required to deliver a presentation.

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