

AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM RESEARCH PROGRAMME

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RE: PROPOSAL FOR DOCTORAL PROGRAMME HOSTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MPUMALANGA AND UNIVERSITY OF GRONINGEN IN THE NETHERLANDS FUNDED BY THE NRF.

Dear potential PhD candidates,

The Aquatic Ecosystem Research Programme (AER) is an applied research programme of the University of Mpumalanga in collaboration with the University of KwaZulu-Natal. The AER is dedicated to the development of inland scientific aquatic ecology research and capacity development through formal research outputs and student training.

Together with the World Fish Migration Foundation and the University of Groningen we are looking for a Ph.D candidate who are interested in joining our team to work on characterising global fish swimways. This is a collaborative project with World Fish Migration Foundation (WFMF - project managers), University of Groningen and Zoological Society of London (ZSL – Living planet index).

The four year Ph.D post will be based in Groningen, the Netherlands and will entail frequent travel to South Africa. The project is proposed to assimilate available information and define the global status of migratory fish and their swimways, and assess how climate change influences this. We are interested in the NRF-NUFFIC Doctoral Bilateral call for this project consider:

<https://www.nrf.ac.za/division/funding/pre-call-announcement-nrf-nuffic-doctoral-scholarships-2019>.

If you are interested please send an email with your CV to Gordon.obrien@ump.ac.za

Thank you. Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon O'Brien".

Dr. Gordon O'Brien
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