



## ADVERTISEMENT

### Curator

Contract type: Permanent

Job Level: Skilled / Middle Management

Work Location: Makhanda/Grahamstown, Eastern Cape

The National Research Foundation (NRF) supports and promotes research and human capital development through funding, the provision of National Research Facilities and science outreach platforms and programmes to the broader community in all fields of science and technology, including natural sciences, engineering, social sciences and humanities

The South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity (NRF-SAIAB) is a National Research Facility of the NRF. NRF-SAIAB undertakes the study of African aquatic biodiversity and provides research infrastructure to the broader research community in Southern Africa. This includes specialised laboratories, vessels, natural history collections, remote observation platforms, seafloor mapping capabilities, and fish tracking arrays. Although NRF-SAIAB's headquarters are in Makhanda, the institute also has offices in Gauteng, Gqeberha and Durban

To contribute to the strategic direction of the collections and library and biodiversity information management, in collaboration with the Collections and Biodiversity Information Managers and Senior Librarian.

To plan the strategic direction of the collections and library, target setting and quality control with the Collections and Biodiversity Information Managers and Senior Librarian, in collaboration with the collections staff

#### Key Responsibilities:

- \* Research and science advancement, collections building and capacity development
- \* Contribute to Collections and Information Management

#### Key Requirements:

##### Qualification:

PhD in Zoology, with preferred specialisation in Ichthyology

##### Experience:

- \* Two years post PhD research experience
- \* Recognised expertise in fish taxonomy, with extensive knowledge of African marine and freshwater fish species.
- \* Proven publication record (minimum of 6 ISI papers), with demonstrated expertise in integrative taxonomic, with an emphasis on fish.
- \* Experience with natural history collections (minimum 5 years).
- \* Knowledge of fish systematics, taxonomy and museum curation.
- \* Knowledge of other taxonomic groups (added advantage)
- \* Management experience (added advantage)

##### Knowledge:

- \* Ability to identify freshwater and marine fishes of southern Africa.
- \* Knowledge of the biodiversity issues and research needs for freshwater and marine systems in southern Africa, with a clear vision for future research and expansion of the collections.
- \* Documented experience in planning, leading, coordinating and executing field surveys.
- \* Financial knowledge and experience (SCM processes and budget management).
- \* Good knowledge of curatorial systems of wet museum collections.

#### Information:

The website [www.nrf.ac.za](http://www.nrf.ac.za) provides more details on the NRF initiatives and activities.

#### Applications:

Applicants should submit a comprehensive CV by logging to <https://ess.nrf.ac.za/Account/Recruitment> and apply online. Applications should be accompanied by a letter of motivation indicating the applicant's suitability for the position. The names and contact details of at least three referees should be provided.

**Closing Date: 09 June 2026**

The NRF offers a challenging career and competitive remuneration package which is commensurate with qualifications and experience. The NRF is committed to employment equity and redress and the appointment to the position will be made in line with the NRF Employment Equity Plan.

The NRF reserves the right not to make an appointment.

Correspondence will be sent to short-listed candidates only