



## WWF-SA Research Fellowship for Improved Water Resource Management

Supporting Career and Learning Pathway Development through Innovative Research for the Environment

### 2016 RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The World Wide Fund for Nature in South Africa's (WWF-SA) Research Fellowship Programme, consisting of a financial award and research placement, aims to enable the progression of higher education students to post-graduate qualifications for the

environment. This programme contributes directly to WWF-SA's vision of supporting the growth and development of a capacitated and transformed work force for the environment.

Graduates in related and appropriate Honours programmes are invited to apply for the Research Fellowship Award to pursue Masters research studies in key areas that contribute to the work of Freshwater Resource Management through increased engagement of key stakeholders and the use of web-based and/or social media tools.

Proposals are invited from prospective Masters students with an interest in pursuing research related to one or more of the following research themes:

- 1. Designing, piloting and improving web-based and social media tools through which to expand the active engagement of water users for improved water resource management;*
- 2. Translating and communicating complex, science-based research findings into accessible and easy-to-use materials so as to facilitate and increase participation in water resource management;*
- 3. Connecting water stewards to freshwater conservation science through web-based and social media tools for improved water resource management.*

The Research Fellowship Award offers Masters students the opportunity to engage with and gain relevant, workplace-based learning and research experience through association with the WWF-SA's Freshwater Programme and its associates.

The WWF-SA Research Fellowship Award includes:

A **financial award** of R90,000, payable in six tranche payments over a period of two years based on submission of approved progress reports;

**For financing** of course fees, access to literature, computer ware, fieldwork, attendance of related conferences and workshops and up to a maximum of R30,000 for related living expenses, such as hostel fees, transport, meals, amongst other research study related costs;

**Association** with WWF-SA's Freshwater Programme, its staff and work as agreed with the Programme Senior Manager, and towards pursuing the specified area of research;

**Networking** within key communities of practice towards supporting the specified area of research. This includes, but is not limited to, participation in an annual WWF-SA research colloquium aimed at supporting the development of the research study;

**Contracting** with WWF-SA around the terms and conditions of the WWF-SA Research Fellowship Award.

To apply, you must:

- Have completed a Honours programme related to web-based communication and or environmental management or conservation;
- Provide a clear motivation for pursuing a career for the environment and in web-based conservation information management;
- Share an expressed interest in contributing to the work of WWF-SA, its Freshwater Programme and work in web-based information management towards increased participation for improved freshwater resource management;
- Write a clear motivation for how this research study might contribute to your career development and work in web-based information management towards increased participation for improved freshwater resource management;
- Indicate clear innovation in the design and outcome of your research proposition;
- Secure supervision support and endorsement from the institution with which you will register / are registered; and
- Complete in full the application form and submit it, with required supporting documentation and endorsements, to WWF-SA by **Monday, 8 February 2016**.

Completed applications to be submitted to  
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Successful candidates will be advised by Monday, 29 February 2016

