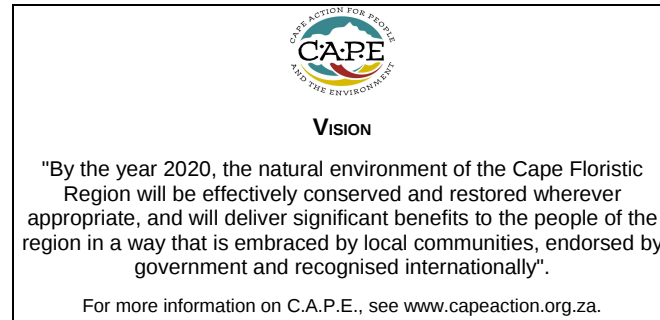


FYNBOS FORUM INNOVATION SCHOLARSHIP 2010

Applications are herewith invited for research at Masters or PhD level at South African Universities and Universities of Technology. Research should focus on the Cape Floristic Region with the aim of contributing to and assisting with the implementation of the C.A.P.E. vision.



Research proposals of all disciplines (natural sciences, law, business/economy, social sciences) are invited, and all students qualified to register for Masters or PhD degrees at South African Universities and Universities of Technology are eligible to apply. Scholarships are to the value of R 80 000 (R 50 000 bursary and R 30 000 running costs) for Masters and R 120 000 (R 80 000 bursary and R 40 000 running costs) for PhD candidates per year. Scholarships will be granted for one year, and are renewable upon the submission of satisfactory progress reports annually, up to the maximum term permitted (two years for Masters and three years for PhD). Reports are to be submitted by the end of the academic year (November).

Research projects should be innovative, achieving the interface between research and conservation application, and should show clearly the potential contribution to the implementation of the C.A.P.E. vision. In addition, projects must be aligned with the Fynbos Forum Research Strategy, which aims to influence landuse in a heterogenous landscape to optimise regional biodiversity conservation. To achieve this, research on a number of levels and topics is required, such as 1) taxonomy and life history research, 2) ground water and fresh water systems, 3) investigating and managing human impacts in the CFR, 4) influencing decision making on biodiversity issues, and 5) development of monitoring and evaluation systems for sustainable use and biodiversity conservation. More information on the Fynbos Forum Research Strategy is available upon request from Dr. Cornelia Krug (c.b.krug@krugs.de).

Projects must be endorsed by the supervisor of the planned project, and the candidates are required to register at the host institution at the start of the academic year 2010. Proposals are evaluated by a scientific panel, convened by the Fynbos Forum. Upon final approval by the funders, the successful candidate is then required to register at his/her institution of choice for the following academic year.

For more information on the scholarship programme, contact Tamaryn Allan (administrator: TMF, tallan@wwf.org.za, tel 021 762 8525)

Application Forms:

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Please return the completed application form, as well as a complete academic record, via email to Tamaryn Allan (administrator: TMF, tallan@wwf.org.za, tel 021 762 8525). Supervisors are requested to submit a letter of recommendation via email to the same address before or on the .

Deadline for 2010 Scholarships:

31 October 2009: Submission of proposals and letter of endorsement / recommendation