



## SCIENCE-SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT RESEARCH FELLOW

### Climate System Analysis Group (CSAG)

### Department of Environmental and Geographical Sciences

### Faculty of Science

Applications are invited for the post of Science-Society Engagement Research Fellow, in the Climate System Analysis Group (CSAG)

CSAG is a leading climate science research centre, hosted within the Department of Environmental and Geographical Science at the University of Cape Town. We have diverse expertise ranging from core climate science through impacts modeling, adaptation decision making, and capacity development. We are additionally active in research and practice for science-society engagement and consider this essential to informing and guiding our core climate research, and for maximizing the societal impact from our research.

This position will support and advance CSAG's climate science-society engagement through active leadership and involvement in existing research and service projects and activities, the pursuit of new research and service opportunities, and contributing to the ongoing development of CSAGs intellectual leadership in this field.

This is a full time, permanent soft-funded position on academic conditions of services, subject to the continued availability of project funds. The appointee will be expected to contribute to fund generation to financially sustain their position and the sustainability of the group as a whole through developing new funded projects.

#### Minimum Requirements:

- A minimum of master's degree in the field of climate or atmospheric science;
- Evidence of research outputs and/or project reporting in climate science, science-society engagement and climate policy;
- 5 or more years of work experience in an applied research setting with significant experience in climate change vulnerability, adaptation processes and/or the integration of climate considerations into local, regional and national policy;
- Knowledge of national and international policy and development frameworks such as SDGs, UNFCCC National Communications, National Adaptation Plans, Nationally Determined Contributions;
- Strong skills with demonstrable experience in proposal writing, budgeting, contracting, project management and reporting;
- Excellent and demonstrable written and verbal communication skills including experience in writing for an academic as well as a non-academic audience;
- Experience in conceptualising and facilitating engagement processes, including maintaining external professional relationships and networks.

#### Advantageous experience includes:

- Working with diverse international and regional funding agencies and familiarity with contractual and reporting practices;
- Established professional relationships with relevant national and international institutions;
- Working with national and regional government, particularly but not exclusively in South Africa.

#### Responsibilities:

- Take a leadership role and participate in science society research and services activities within CSAG including core research, multi/trans-disciplinary engagements, report writing, and capacity development;
- Work to broaden and sustain research and services related to science-society interactions, particularly with regard to vulnerability, adaptation and climate policy development;
- Contribute to the intellectual leadership at the science-society interface at CSAG and to the academic research base in line with CSAG's research objectives;
- Represent CSAG in cross institutional engagements, and through this, develop CSAG's internal skill base and develop and maintain positive relationships with partners.

The annual remuneration package including benefits is R612 721.

**To apply**, please e-mail the below documents in a **single pdf file** to Ms Tracy Moore at [recruitment04@uct.ac.za](mailto:recruitment04@uct.ac.za):

- UCT Application Form (download at <http://forms.uct.ac.za/hr201.doc>)
- A letter of motivation
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Please ensure the title and reference number are indicated in the subject line.

An application which does not comply with the above requirements will be regarded as incomplete.

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**Website:** [www.csag.uct.ac.za](http://www.csag.uct.ac.za)

**Reference number:** E19263

**Closing date:** 18 June 2019

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