



Post Doctoral Fellowship 2014/2016

A two year Post Doctoral Fellowship is available at the University of Pretoria related to a dynamic research group (Bacterial Genomics and Host Pathogen Interactions) working on potato plant pests and pathogens. This project will attempt to profile and elucidate potato plant defences and bacterial virulence mechanisms during the interaction between potato and *Pectobacterium* spp using RNA Seq. Qualifying candidates with a strong Bioinformatics, Molecular Biology, Plant Sciences, Plant Pathology, Microbiology and/or Biochemistry background are encouraged to apply. The post doc will work in a team consisting of more than 5 MSc and 2 PhD students. The research group is funded by the NRF, THRIP, Potatoes South Africa (PSA), Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD), International Foundation for Science (IFS) and others.

Duties and responsibilities

The Post Doctoral Fellow will be expected to undertake focused and high quality research, work as part of a team, be involved in grant proposal writing and raising funds, present own work at national and international meetings as well as produce high quality publications. **Effective from June 2014.**

Contact details

For more information, contact. <u>Dr Lucy Moleleki (lucy.moleleki@up.ac.za).</u> <u>www.fabinet.up.ac.za/Lucy Moleleki.</u> Interested applicants should forward a letter and full CV (with the names and contact details of three referees) to the above email address.

Research group website: http://www.fabinet.up.ac.za/index.php/research-groups/bacterial-genomics-and-plant-pathogen-interactions