I am a self-motivated scientist with broad-ranging scientific, creative, leadership, and interpersonal skills, and sincerely believe the information herein makes me a strong candidate for the post. I am a PhD Plant Pathology graduate from the University of Pretoria (UP) with vast research and science communication experience developed at the University of Pretoria as a lecturer and Sci-Enza (Science centre at UP).

Some of these skills include but are not limited to:

* **Scientific background**: I have high applied research acumen developed in both lab (diagnostics, seed tests, molecular tests and field trials (fungicide and product evaluations) and) experience with research.
* **Research and science application**: I have developed excellent laboratory techniques, with the ability to conduct, analyse, interpret, present the findings and publish in ISI peer reviewed journals and non-peer reviewed journals.
* **Presentations and training**: As a Lecturer and Science Communicator I have honed my skills as a presenter enabling me to adapt presentations for a variety of audience using multimedia platforms and technology.
* **Farming community engagement**: My involvement with Oilseeds Advisory Committee, Grain SA and the University of Pretoria’s Plant Pathology Department gave me an opportunity to engage with local farmers to identify crop problems, prescribe suitable solutions and give technical advice and communicate complex scientific concepts in layman’s terms to ordinary South Africans from various cultural groups based on my research findings.
* **Behavioral and professional attributes**: The research I do is cost and time sensitive and requires one to pay special attention to detail as one mistake can change the outcome of the project. I regard myself that is able to take initiative and see a project through successfully and this has be evident in my research as well me having founded TuksChess (UP Chess Club), which has been South African champs from 2017-2019.

Please review my attached CV for additional details regarding my skills, experience and career developments.

Kind regards,

Mahlane Godfrey Kgatle