

The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) is a premier science institution that conducts research with partners, develops human capital and foster innovation in support of the agricultural sector. It provides diagnostic, laboratory, analytical, agricultural engineering services, post-harvest technology development, agrochemical evaluation, consultation and advisory services, food processing technology services as well as various surveys and training interventions. Through its wider network of research institutes and experimental farms, the ARC provides a strong scientific base and a broadly distributed technology transfer capacity to the entire agricultural industry in South Africa.

The ARC-Small Grain (ARC-SG) seeks to appoint a highly skilled, experienced and dynamic person to the following position at Cedara, KwaZulu-Natal:

RESEARCH SUPPORT ASSISTANT X3: GERMPLASM DEVELOPMENT (THREE (3) YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT)

Key Performance Areas:

- Assists with basic research services under supervision.
- Cleaning and sterilization of the glasshouses, seedling trays and pots used in glasshouses for experiments.
- Steam sterilization of soil/media and filling of pots.
- Assisting with planting, fertilization, weeding, irrigation and harvesting of trials.
- Assist with carrying out extensive field trial maintenance.
- Monitoring of unwanted pests (aphids, whiteflies, thrips etc.) and spraying with pesticides (pest control) under supervision.
- Carry out data collection and capturing under supervision.
- Provides verbal feedback on work activities to supervisor.
- Identifies and participates in own learning opportunities.
- Complies with SHE/OHS regulations and procedures.
- Carry out with ad hoc duties as per line managers' request.



Requirements:

- Grade 10 or relevant experience.
- Good reading and writing skills.
- A valid drivers' licence will be an added advantage.
- Paying attention to detail and ability to work as a team.
- Experience in data collection and capturing under supervision.

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CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 08 DECEMBER 2023

A competitive remuneration package will be congruent with the scope, responsibilities and the stature of the position. The appointment will be subject to a positive security clearance and preference will be given to South African citizens.

Applications accompanied by covering letter, detailed CV (Including certified copies of certificates, supporting documents, copy of driver's license) must be attached on the form.

- ❖ Research Support Assistant: Germplasm Development: <https://forms.office.com/r/h17hw4K9b9>

NB: Non-RSA citizens with work permit must attach certified copies as well as the names and particulars of three (3) traceable referees.

SAQA evaluation report must accompany foreign qualifications. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants who do not receive any response four (4) weeks after the closing date must regard their applications as unsuccessful. The Agricultural Research Council is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to the principles and processes of Employment Equity. Preference will be given to the designated groups in line with the ARC's EE Plan. The company has the right not to appoint.

