Genetics Laboratory Technician or Manager Cheetah Conservation Fund, Namibia

The Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF), Namibia, is currently looking for a highly motivated individual to join its genetics laboratory staff in the position of Laboratory Technician.

The specific title and remuneration are dependent on the applicant's level of experience. The successful applicant should have a Master's degree in a relevant field of research or a minimum of 3 years of professional experience. The position is available immediately, with expected start date on or as close as possible to December 15th, 2016. Namibian residency is preferred. Applicants should send their CV, letter of motivation, and contact details of 3 references to genetics@cheetah.org.

The successful candidate should have a strong background in best laboratory practices in molecular biology, and have excellent organizational and communication skills. His/her main responsibilities will include maintenance and operation of our genetic analysers and supervision of interns and students, ensuring that good laboratory practices and protocols are followed. Other responsibilities will be curation of databases, development of laboratory services, writing of permit applications and reports, and keeping the laboratory adequately stocked at all times. Prior experience in these particular tasks is not required; however, willingness to learn and attention to detail are essential. This position will also provide opportunities for direct participation in research projects as time permits.

The genetics laboratory is at the CCF research centre, about 40 km east of Otjiwarongo, Namibia. Staff members live on CCF property and housing is provided. Meals are prepared by CCF kitchen staff and are eaten communally. Further information regarding CCF and its mission to conserve cheetahs in the wild may be found at <u>www.cheetah.org</u>.

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