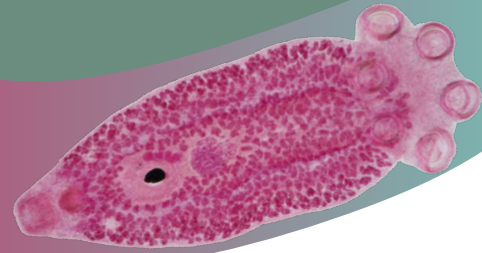
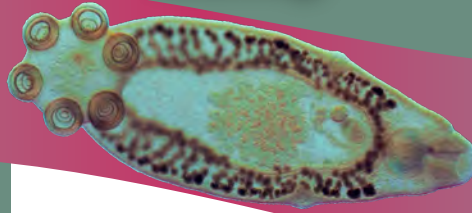


We invite application for the position of

# Post-Doctoral Research Fellow

## Parasitology



The Unit for Environmental Sciences and Management invites suitable applications for the Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in the African Amphibian Conservation Research Group (AACRG) within the Biodiversity and Conservation Ecology (BACE) sub-programme. The study will focus on polystomatid flatworms of amphibians and freshwater turtles. The successful candidate will work with an NRF B-rated researcher, Professor Louis du Preez, to further your academic career and boost your publication output.

To qualify, you have to be:

- A junior researcher (less than 5 years post PhD)
- Under 45 years old
- A dynamic researcher with a record of at least three recent publications

If you need more inspiration on which topics to publish on, you are welcome to visit Louis' [Google Scholar](#) profile, where some of his publications are listed. You may also contact him at [Louis.duPreez@nwu.ac.za](mailto:Louis.duPreez@nwu.ac.za).

The North-West University's Unit for Environmental Sciences and Management hosts a world-renowned group of researchers. It offers a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow position in the abovementioned field of research. This is a full-time Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) funded through the NWU Post-Doctoral programme. The fellowship carries a value of R 249 000 (tax-free) per annum, once-off translocation costs, and R20 000 per annum research funding. The Unit currently has a number of positions available, and the PDF should commence as soon as possible. The fellowship is available for three years. The PDF position is reviewed on an annual basis and continuation thereof is subject to performance evaluation. The PDF will be based in Potchefstroom and hosted by Prof Louis du Preez.

### Key responsibilities:

- Perform research on polystomatid flatworms. Finer details will be developed around the candidate's interest and expertise.
- The candidate will play an active role as an investigator in all aspects of the research project.
- The candidate will have to publish at least 3 papers per annum in internationally accredited peer-reviewed journals.
- Furthermore, the candidate will assist in capacity development at the NWU through active interaction, co-supervision and collaboration with post-graduate students and interns.

### Minimum criteria:

- A Ph.D. degree in Zoology/Parasitology or a related field.
- The candidate must have proven skills (through publication) in parasitology.
- Strong written and oral communication skills with a minimum of 3 ISI-rated publications in the relevant discipline and presentations at various national and international conferences.
- Ability and willingness to conduct laboratory and fieldwork in the respective research field.
- Valid driver's license.

### Applications and enquiries:

If you are interested in applying, please submit the following documentation:

1. A letter of motivation detailing your relevant experience and research interests, current research activities, and your interest in the project(s).
2. A one page research proposal dealing with aspects of polystomatid flatworms in line with the candidate's interest.
3. Latest academic transcript.
4. A Curriculum Vitae including a list of publications.
5. The names, contact details and relationship of at least three references (including doctoral supervisor).
6. Proof of completion of PhD or, in the case of a final year PhD candidate, a letter from your supervisor stating the expected date of submission of the PhD thesis.
7. Copy of identification document or passport.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The closing date for applications is **17 November 2023**.

To submit an application or for further enquiries, contact Prof. Louis du Preez ([louis.dupreez@nwu.ac.za](mailto:louis.dupreez@nwu.ac.za)) with the subject line: **Postdoc Position**.

*The BACE sub-programme reserves the right not to appoint applicants to this position as advertised. Final appointments are dependent on approval by the supervisor and North-West University.*

For more information on the BACE sub-programme visit [this link](#) or scan the QR code:



The African Amphibian Conservation Research Group (AACRG) is also available on Facebook and Twitter.



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