



The Pola Pasvolsky Chair in Conservation Biology

Percy Fitzpatrick Institute of African Ornithology
Department of Biological Sciences
Faculty of Science

We invite applications for the Pola Pasvolsky Chair in Conservation Biology in the Percy FitzPatrick Institute, a world-renowned postgraduate research institute in the Department of Biological Sciences. The incumbent will be a member of this dynamic Institute that is the core of a Centre of Excellence in Birds as Keys to Biodiversity Conservation funded by the South African Department of Science and Technology through the National Research Foundation. .

The successful candidate will have a high international research standing and will be required to provide scholarly leadership in postgraduate teaching and research, and will ideally have research skills that complement the existing expertise within the Institute. A key responsibility will be to ensure the continued success of the Institute's research and teaching in Conservation Biology. The incumbent's research should contribute substantially to the Centre of Excellence in Birds as Keys to Biodiversity Conservation.

Requirements:

- a PhD in biology, conservation or a related discipline;
- a proven record of teaching and postgraduate supervision;
- an established international research record with a demonstrated capacity to lead research in avian conservation biology;
- a track record in raising funds; and
- proven skills in management and leadership of a research group.

Responsibilities:

- To establish a high-profile research programme in avian conservation biology and biodiversity;
- To take a leading role guiding the Institute's conservation biology master's programme;
- To assist with undergraduate teaching at a level typical of FitzPatrick Institute academic staff; and
- To contribute to administrative duties as expected of a UCT professor.

The following qualities would place the applicant at an advantage:

- a research interest in, and knowledge of African birds;
- a sound knowledge of numerical analytical tools; and
- evidence of collaborations with other conservation biology groups.

This is a permanent academic position and the annual remuneration package for 2015, including benefits is R967 265.

To apply, please e-mail the below documents in a **single pdf file** to Ms Edith Graham at recruitment04@uct.ac.za:

- UCT Application Form (download at <http://web.uct.ac.za/depts/sapweb/forms/hr201.doc>)
- Motivational letter
- Research vision
- Outline of teaching approach at undergraduate and postgraduate levels
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Please ensure that the title of the post and the advert reference number are indicated in the subject line.

An application which does not comply with the above requirements will be regarded as incomplete.

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Reference number: E15045

Closing date: 15th May 2015

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UCT reserves the right not to appoint.