Research positions and postdoctoral fellowships at the Centre for Research and Evaluation, Science and Technology (CREST), at Stellenbosch University, South Africa.

You will contribute to leading research in the areas of scientometrics and bibliometrics, the study of science in Africa, research evaluation and social impact assessment studies, science and innovation policy studies and studies on the scientific communication behaviour of scientists.

Preferred starting date is 1 July 2015 for a period of 2 years [with an option for a renewal for another 2-year appointment].

Our work and living environment

CREST is the host of the DST-NRF Centre of Excellence in Scientometrics and Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (SciSTIP), a collaborative consortium with The Institute for Economic Research on Innovation (IERI), Tshwane University of Technology, Pretoria; The Centre for Higher Education and Transformation, Cape Town (CHET), and the Center for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS) at Leiden University in the Netherlands.

The duties of the postdoctoral researchers include independent research - either individually or as team member - in collaboration with various CREST and SciSTIP-related senior staff including Prof. Johann Mouton (CREST); Prof. Peter Weingart (CREST), Prof. Robert Tijssen (CWTS, CREST), Prof. Nico Cloete (CHET) and Prof. Rasighan Maharaj (IERI). Other prominent scientists associated with SciSTIP include Proffs. Fred Gault, Claes Brundenius, Arie Rip and Peter Maassen.

Stellenbosch University is an internationally oriented research-intensive university with 1000+ academic and research staff and 28 000+ students. This university ranks among the world’s top 500. The beautiful town of Stellenbosch is located in the middle of South Africa’s winelands region, at 30 kilometers from Cape Town and close to its international airport.

Your background

Our research positions are open for any applicant with an academic interest, a relevant degree, or previous work experience in any of the above fields (or related fields such as statistics, mathematics, information and library science, computer science or economics). The postdoc positions require a doctor’s degree.

We are especially looking for candidates with research experience and/or interest in scientometrics/bibliometrics, ‘big data’ analysis, STI evaluation information systems, social media (metrics), open access and open data science.

We expect a proved capacity to do independent high-quality research and a good command of the English language.

Salary

The salary is determined in accordance with the university salary system for teaching and research personnel. Details are available on request. The indicative value of the post-doctoral fellowship positions is 2 200 euros (or R30 000) per month (tax free).
Applications

Deadline for applications is 31 May 2015. Applications must be submitted to Prof. Johann Mouton, Director: SciSTIP.

The following annexes are required: CV, publication list, and application letter.

Further information about the task will be given by Prof. Johann Mouton (e-mail: jm6@sun.ac.za)

Technical questions about the application procedure will be answered by Dr Heidi Prozesky (e-mail: hep@sun.ac.za)