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The ICGEB invites applications for the post of Group Leader, Virology - Emerging Viruses

POST TITLE: Group Leader, Virology - Emerging Viruses

DUTY STATION: Cape Town, South Africa

DATE REQUIRED: As soon as possible

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Fixed term appointment

DURATION: 4 years, including a 1 year initial probationary period and possible further extensions subject to performance.

LEVEL: P1 (UN Salary Scale)

DUTIES:

Under the direct supervision of the Cape Town Component Director, the incumbent will be responsible for coordinating and developing research activities and strategy within the group and will be responsible for:

- Conducting world-class research at the forefront of the Infectious Diseases field with particular focus on Emerging Viruses of importance in the African Continent
- Directing the activities of the Virology – Emerging Viruses Group, with particular reference to dissemination of scientific information on technical and other relevant aspects
- Collaborating with other Group Leaders and the Director of the Cape Town Component in the overall scientific organization and implementation of research programmes of the Component
- Developing an effective fundraising strategy to support and sustain the Group’s activities
- Supervising a Research Technician, MSc and PhD students, and Post-doctoral Fellows
- Performing other work related duties, as may be required

QUALIFICATIONS: PhD Degree in the Virology or Infectious Diseases field, Molecular Biology or the equivalent. A minimum of 3-5 years active experience.

COMPETENCIES: He/She should have a proven track record of research excellence in virology, a strong background in pathogenesis of infectious diseases, a proven track record of leading an internationally-recognised team of scientists, with a strong publication record and an ability to attract competitive research funding.

LANGUAGES: English
APPLICATION DEADLINE: 20 February 2020

Candidates should submit their full curriculum vitae and a statement of proposed research to Dr. Luiz Zerbini, nurhaan.larnie@icgeb.org, quoting reference ZAF/01/09/19. Additionally, candidates should submit the ICGEB’s Personal History Form available online at: http://www.icgeb.org/about-us/work-with-us, together with a cover letter outlining their motivation for application and full contact details of three referees.

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