

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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Doctoral Studentships (Two opportunities)

About the Job:

The CSIR has two **Doctoral Studentship** opportunities in the National Centre for Nanostructured Materials within the Materials Science and Manufacturing (MSM) unit. The Centre's key research focus area is the advanced materials for gas sensing applications by using metal oxides nanostructured materials. These positions are based in Pretoria.

About the Unit:

The Centre undertakes innovative research on nanostructured materials and has an extensive research network with other local and international research organizations. It is well equipped with cutting-edge nanostructured materials synthesis, processing, characterization and testing facilities. In addition, there are nanostructures scale-up and industrial-scale polymer processing and product development facilities. It has a strong focus on human capital development, makes a significant contribution to the creation and dissemination of new scientific knowledge, and collaborates closely with industry to help ensure successful outcomes and impact of the group's research and development activities.

Key responsibilities:

- Prepare a research plan and proposal for the postgraduate study;
- Conduct research on project that is in line with the Doctoral thesis and scope of the research group goals;
- Contribute to applicable multidisciplinary research projects, typically as part of a team;
- Write technical reports and oral presentation of results;
- Contribute towards co-authoring research outputs in peer-reviewed journals, or conference proceedings;
- Report research findings in the form of conference/symposium presentations and journal articles within timelines agreed with supervisor(s);
- Complete Doctoral thesis and defend the work successfully;
- Contribute to extra activities that may be outside the scope of the Doctoral research as per the needs of the research group from time to time.

Qualifications, skills and experience:

- A Master's degree in physics or chemistry;
- Knowledge on the synthesis of metal oxide Nano-structured materials and their applications in gas sensing;
- Basic knowledge on surface science;

- Basic experience on analytical techniques such as photoluminescence (PL), atomic force microscopy (AFM), micro-Raman, X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS), electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR), gas testing station;
- Must have published one or two articles during his/her Master's degree;
- Research and report-writing skills;
- Problem-solving skills;
- Solution-seeking orientation;
- Excellent facilitation and interpersonal skills;
- A goal-oriented approach;
- Ability to work independently as well as in teams;
- Computer literacy.

Should you meet the above requirements, please email your CV to jobapplications@csir.co.za with your name and surname, position title and reference number in the subject line, **(e.g. John Smith: Doctoral Studentship: Reference No: 308045)**

Closing date: 02 June 2017

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For more info, please contact the CSIR Recruitment Centre on **012 841 4774** or email us at Recruitmentinfo@csir.co.za

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