



COMMUNICATIONS AND RELATIONSHIP MANAGER

(Payclass 10; Fixed Term Contract, T2 – 3 years)

BIOGRIP FACULTY OF SCIENCE

The Biogeochemistry Research Infrastructure Platform (BIOGRIP) was established in 2019 in terms of the South African Research Infrastructure Roadmap, a high-level research strategy of the national government Department of Science and Innovation. 'Biogeochemistry' is the study of how biological, geological, chemical and physical processes interact to shape natural environments over time and space. It encompasses a range of interdisciplinary research areas, from the origins and diversification of life to the response of natural systems to environmental (including anthropogenic) change. This 15-year initiative will drive biogeochemical knowledge creation and exploitation by (1) providing technical capacity, training and scientific leadership in biogeochemical research (2) developing world-class analytical facilities and (3) improving monitoring of key biogeochemical environmental variables through the generation and compilation of statistically meaningful datasets. BIOGRIP's activities will contribute to national goals of access to clean water and sanitation, management of soil fertility and marine ecosystem productivity, and good health and well-being.

BIOGRIP comprises four research nodes, based at the Universities of Cape Town (focusing on isotope biogeochemistry), Stellenbosch (water and soil biogeochemistry), Free State (mineral biogeochemistry) and North-West (atmospheric biogeochemistry), with the administrative hub located at UCT. The Hub Communications and Relationship Manager will be based at UCT and will report to the BIOGRIP Director. The Hub Communications and Relationship Manager will (1) maintain regular communications across a variety of platforms, (2) create content for online and print media, including reports, websites, podcasts and video, social media and in person presentations, (3) showcase BIOGRIP's work through events such as workshops, training, conferences and open days, (4) build relationships primarily with external stakeholders but also within BIOGRIP, including public and private organisations and individuals, and be the face of the organisation.

We therefore invite applications for a 3-year contract position at the PC10 level for appointment as soon as possible.

For detailed information on this post, please view the job description on the following link: ([view](#))

To view and apply for this position, please visit the UCT Jobs site [View](#) (For Internal Applicants) and [View](#) (For external Applicants) to create a profile and to submit your application.

Closing date: 06 July 2026

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The University reserves the right to extend the closing date for applications if deemed necessary and reserves the right to make no appointment.