

FACULTY OF VETERINARY SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF PRODUCTION ANIMAL STUDIES

INTERNSHIPS: ANIMAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN/ANIMAL SCIENTIST/AGRICULTURAL  
ECONOMIST (FIVE POSTS)

(12 MONTHS CONTRACT APPOINTMENT)

*In pursuit of the ideals of excellence and diversity, the University of Pretoria wishes to invite applications for the above-mentioned internship programme.*

*The University of Pretoria's commitment to quality makes us one of the top research Universities in the country and gives us a competitive advantage in international science and technology development.*

The Faculty of Veterinary Science is offering an opportunity for qualified **Animal Health Technician or Animal scientist or Agricultural economist** to gain advanced experience in livestock health and production aspects in a one-year structured, non-degree programme resident in the programme we are working in (i.e. the post is limited for the development of a community member). By joining our intern programme, you will have an excellent opportunity to work alongside our highly skilled team at the cutting edge of veterinary medicine and extension particularly related to small scale farmer development. So, if you are looking to further your knowledge and skills in livestock health and production aspects, don't miss the opportunity and apply today.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The successful candidate will actively participate in the following areas:

- Provide support to the qualified veterinarian responsible during the training of small-scale farmers in the **Ottosdal, Potchefstroom or Sekhukhune/Mashishing areas**.
- Provide technical veterinary related support to the trained farmers in the identified areas;
- Collect appropriate data, capture such data and participate in the analysis of such data;
- Liaise with the local government officials (Animal Health Technicians, State Veterinarian, Extension officers, Auctioneers, other industry members, etc.) on animal health and production aspects; and
- Participate in an intern mentorship programme and enter into performance agreement.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

- **Diploma/BSc Animal Health or BSc Animal Science or BSc Agric Economics;**
- Acknowledged technical expertise; and
- Adequate subject knowledge necessary for the post.
- Be a resident of one of the identified villages in **Ottosdal, Potchefstroom or Sekhukhune/Mashishing**.

**REQUIRED COMPETENCIES (SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND BEHAVIOURAL ATTRIBUTES):**

- Appropriate **local** language and communication skills;
- Good interpersonal skills;
- Good computer skills (Windows, MS Office, internet); and After-hours availability.

**ADDED ADVANTAGES AND PREFERENCES:**

Registration as an Animal Health Technician with the SAVC or Animal Scientist with SACNASP.

The all-inclusive remuneration package for this contract position will be **R10,000-00** per month

Applicants are requested to submit their applications via email to career services: [internship@up.ac.za](mailto:internship@up.ac.za)

Please use the following reference in the subject line: 'Vet DPAS'

In applying for this post, please attach:

- Letter motivating your interests and commitment;
- A comprehensive CV; and
- Names, e-mail addresses, and telephone details of three referees whom we have permission to contact.

**CLOSING DATE: 22 July 2024**

No application will be considered after the closing date, or if it does not comply with at least the minimum requirements.

**ENQUIRIES:**

Job content enquires:

- **Dr Rebone Moerane at [rebone.moerane@up.ac.za](mailto:rebone.moerane@up.ac.za)**
- **Dr Alfred Kgasi at [alfred.kgasi@up.ac.za](mailto:alfred.kgasi@up.ac.za)**

Should you not hear from the University of Pretoria by **31 October 2024**, please accept that your application has been unsuccessful.

*The University of Pretoria is committed to equality, employment equity and diversity.*

*In accordance with the Employment Equity Plan of the University and its Employment Equity goals and targets, preference will be given, to candidates from under-represented designated groups.*

*All candidates who comply with the requirements for appointment are invited to apply. All candidates agree to undergo verification of personal credentials.*

*By applying for this vacancy, the candidates consent to undergo verification of personal credentials and related information including, but not limited to, qualifications, criminal record, credit record, current and historic disciplinary proceedings as part of the selection process.*

*The University of Pretoria reserves the right not to fill the advertised positions.*