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The South African National Space Agency (SANSa) has a mandate, as outlined in the South African National Space Agency Act, 2008 (Act No 36 of 2008), to co-ordinate and integrate national space science and technology programmes and conduct long-term planning and implementation of space related activities in South Africa, for the benefit of the citizens of South Africa.

SANSa has the following opportunities at the Space Science Directorate situated in **Hermanus, Western Cape** to be filled by individual(s) with the relevant skills, drive, competencies and qualifications. SANSa Space Science is responsible for the space science programme in SANSa including space science research, infrastructure, technology development and applications.

SANSa is seeking hardworking and dynamic **South African citizens** to fill the following positions (four positions are available) based in **Hermanus Western Cape**:

**POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS (3 year contract positions)**

**The ideal candidates will have:**

- A PhD obtained within the last 3 years (or will be submitting their PhD thesis for examination before May 2017)
- PhD should be in any one of the following fields: Physics, Solar Physics, Geomagnetism, Geophysics, Metrology, or a similar related field
- The ability to work independently and as part of the team

**The candidate should be:**

- A South African citizen
- Available to start the contract before 1 May 2017

**Duties (not limited to this list):**

- Research in a space science related field (see <http://research.sansa.org.za> for indication of fields)
- Publications
- Intern mentoring
- Contract research
- Science Advancement

Projects will be tailored to individuals, depending on skills and interest and are not limited to any specific topic mentioned, however they must fit into a space science field.

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Communication will only be conducted with short-listed candidates. If applicants have not heard from us within 4 weeks of the closing date, they must assume that their applications were unsuccessful

Please NOTE that the appointment will be on a level commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Background verification, including criminal record, credit checks, security clearances, qualification and citizenship checks as well as competency assessment and psychometric testing, may form part of the selection process.

SANSa subscribes to the principles of Employment Equity and welcomes applications from all persons with disabilities.

Preference will be given to candidates in accordance with this.

SANSa reserves the right to not make an appointment

**Should you meet the above requirements, please e-mail your detailed CV (indicating clearly the position you are interested in, in the subject line of your email) to [aengelbrecht@sansa.org.za](mailto:aengelbrecht@sansa.org.za)**

**Closing date: 26 April 2017**