



*The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) is a scientific, technology based institution, within the National System of Innovation. Its mandate is innovative agricultural research, technology development and technology transfer.*

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

## POST GRADUATE STUDIES IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

The University of Pretoria and the Agricultural Research Council again wish to invite South African applicants for Masters and PhD studies in agricultural economics, to work with the economic services unit of the ARC and the Department of Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development of UP, in completing a challenging post graduate programme. Research topics for Masters and PhD students relating to economic aspects of agricultural research are available. Key topics considered to be priorities are:

- Impact assessment studies of and research interventions (disease, breeding and other technologies)
- Agricultural productivity analysis: economic returns to agricultural research in South Africa
- Measuring the contribution of agricultural research to agricultural productivity growth
- Institutional and policy issues related to National Agricultural Research System in South Africa

*Diligent research, in collaboration with stakeholders; data analysis and scientific report writing are training areas, aimed at directing R&D policy and technology initiatives, ultimately enhancing sector growth.*

The UP-ARC consortium is interested in hosting and mentoring motivated post graduate students and will provide students interesting research topics for their qualification. The consortium will select dedicated students, providing stimulating mentoring. The few successful students, will be exposed to research programmes and impact assessment processes, enabling them to graduate at UP. A full scholarship will be made available to successful applicants. Students that successfully complete their studies will have the opportunity to work in the consortium for a specified period.

### **Requirements:**

For MSc Agric in Agricultural Economics: at least a BSc Agric majoring in agricultural economics or economics and at least 75% on average in the final year.

PhD candidates should have successfully completed a MSc Agric (Agricultural Economics); M Com Agric Economics or MSc in Environmental Economics.

Candidates must be South African citizens and must be willing to be assessed prior to selection, must appreciate diversity; have interpersonal skills; be able to accept advice, be pro-active; be dedicated; able to cope with the pressure of post graduate research and display professional conduct.

Application letters, motivating why you are interested, accompanied by a detailed CV (including academic records), may be submitted via e-mail to [aartjan@arc.agric.za](mailto:aartjan@arc.agric.za).

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