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**Disaster Management Training and
Education Centre for Africa**
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

2010 STUDENTSHIP AND BURSARY PROGRAMME IN DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

The Department of Science and Technology and the University of the Free State in partnership with the Department of Water and Environmental Affairs, the National Disaster Management Centre within the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and other state departments, are collectively offering a studentship opportunity to a number of promising South African candidates as **student researchers** for a period of 12 months. The studentship programme aims to provide dynamic, newly qualified people who already hold a **BSc or other relevant degree** an opportunity to do in-service training at one of South Africa's leading research organizations and some of its partners. Part time students are also encouraged to apply for a bursary programme.

This studentship opportunity includes the acquisition of a Masters degree in the field of disaster risk management from the University of the Free State's Disaster Management Training and Education Centre for Africa (DiMTEC). The structure of the qualification includes a practical component for full time students, to be conducted at a private institution or government department involved in the field of disaster management. The studentship includes all payments towards the academic component such as 100% of the tuition and registration costs, as well as meals, accommodation, a book allowance and research support (determined periodically by a steering committee). A stipend to cover personal expenses is included. Candidates will be required to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements for the first contact session. The programme aims to offer exposure to disaster management issues and build critical capacity within this sector, as well as provide experience and career paths for graduates within the disaster risk management field. Accordingly, interested graduates serving in disaster risk management and related fields are also encouraged to apply.

Requirements for the studentship and bursary programme:

- A three year Bachelors degree
- Good level of computer literacy
- Good level of English and mathematics
- Work experience in any disaster management related field will be an advantage
- Be able to work in a team and under pressure

Please note that:

- Applicants must submit a detailed CV, **certified copies of all certificates** (including matric certificate and ACADEMIC RECORDS of **all** academic qualifications) and a motivational letter on why you should be selected for the programme.
- Candidates must be in a position to be deployed to organisations anywhere in South Africa.
- Successful completion of the programme will not automatically lead to an appointment.**
- Interviews will be scheduled, **with short listed candidates only**. If you are not contacted by our offices by the 31st of October please consider your application unsuccessful.
- A working email address must be included in your CV.
- Requests for application forms should be emailed to the following email address: mnaidoo.sci@ufs.ac.za

Enquiries should be directed to Ms M Naidoo:

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INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS AND UNCERTIFIED DOCUMENTS WILL RESULT IN YOUR APPLICATION NOT BEING CONSIDERED.

Closing date: 6 October 2009
No late applications will be accepted