The University of Mpumalanga seeks to fill two new posts in Geography and Environmental Sciences in the Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Science. These permanent posts are funded from the DHET New Generation of Academics Programme (nGAP) and applicants must be committed to following a career in academia.

The nGAP programme provides funding for 6 years during which the Scholar is expected to complete a Doctoral qualification and develop a research programme, slowly take on an increasing teaching load and willingly participate in teaching and learning and research development courses. A mentor will be provided for at least the first four years. The nGAP programme provides a wonderful supporting environment for an aspirant academic to complete her further studies and develop teaching and learning, and research skills.

The nGAP Scholars will be immediately appointed into permanent positions at UMP and employment after six years is guaranteed, subject to satisfactory performance.

Full details of the nGAP programme are available at: www.dhet.gov.za/SSAUF

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Applications are invited from current senior postgraduate students or past students who wish to make a career at the University. To be successful, you will be passionate about education, you will communicate well in English, both spoken and written, and will have at least a Masters’ qualification in either geography (human or physical), or environmental science. Applicants who can provide evidence that they will complete a Masters’ in 2015 will also be considered. One of the goals of the nGAP project is to bring about transformation in academia and preference will be given to black (particularly African and Coloured) academics.

For further information please contact the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Professor Ric Bernard at ric.bernard@ump.ac.za.

To apply, please complete the online application form at: http://www.ump.ac.za/vacant.html#.VWxG5usxE18 and submit this with a full CV and a substantial letter of motivation.

Closing date for applications: 30 June 2015