

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The CSIR (Council for Scientific and Industrial Research) is a leading scientific and technology research organisation, implementing projects throughout Africa and making a difference in people's lives.

Scientist / Senior Scientist: Laser Systems Group

About the job:

CSIR National Laser Centre (NLC) is a national research centre focusing on research and development (R&D) work in laser technology and its applications. The centre is focusing its activities on the generation of new knowledge in this field. It is also engaged in contractual R&D work in several different market segments, which includes the manufacturing, health, mining and defence industries. The Centre has a strong commitment to establish and strengthen links with tertiary education institutions. Within the centre, the laser systems research group is responsible for R&D in the field of diode-pumped solid-state laser sources.

A vacancy exists for a **Scientist or Senior Scientist** in the laser systems group. This position is based in Pretoria.

Key responsibilities:

The incumbent's responsibilities cover the following aspects:

- Contribute to R&D projects in laser source development at the centre.
- Mentor young scientists and students.
- Maintain a research profile informed by international research trends as well as local industry needs.
- Manage medium- to long-term research projects.
- Work in a multidisciplinary environment with clients, engineers, scientists, project managers and technicians.
- Present work at conferences or to clients.
- Publish research in peer-reviewed journals.
- Develop laser prototypes.
- Collaborate on interdisciplinary research projects.

Job requirements:

Scientist:

The minimum requirement is a Master's degree or equivalent in the laser field with at least two years' experience in laser development, especially in diode-pumped solid-state lasers.

Senior Scientist:

The minimum requirement is a doctoral degree or equivalent in the laser field with at least five years' experience in laser development, especially in diode-pumped solid-state lasers.

The candidate should also have:

- A good track record in an R&D environment.
- Laser research experience in solid state lasers.

Should you meet the above requirements, please go to the URL indicated below in order to apply; select the position reference number 4941; complete the application form and attach your CV: www.csir.co.za/apply.php

Closing date: 21 March 2011

PLEASE NOTE THAT FEEDBACK WILL BE GIVEN TO SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES ONLY.

Should you experience any problems in submitting your application, please contact the CSIR Recruitment Centre at Recruitmentqueries@csir.co.za. Please **do not** submit your application to this mailbox.

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