

Call for Expression of Interest as
BSc/MSc student, fieldwork assistant (March 2021)



I am looking for students or field assistants to participate in a research project on the impact of megaherbivores on savanna ecosystems entitled the '[Lapalala Elephant Landscape Experiment](#)'. Fieldwork consists of collecting observational data on tree structure and vegetation composition in Lapalala Wilderness — a privately owned Nature Reserve in the Limpopo Province.

The ideal applicant:

- is a KIT geocology student with a strong interest in plant ecology
- has knowledge of (or at least a strong interest in) plant identification
- is able and willing to conduct fieldwork under strenuous conditions
- can work meticulously
- is communicative, flexible, and a good teamplayer

Accommodation and transport will be provided. Ideally, participants apply for a travel stipend such as [PROMOS](#) (deadline 10 Dec 2020). Participants will gain extensive experience in plant identification and field observation techniques. Finally, participants will have the unique experience of conducting fieldwork in remote, exclusive, and spectacular ecosystem.

This call replaces an earlier version (dated Sept. 8, 2020). Due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions between the EU and South Africa, it is currently (Dec. 4, 2020) not possible yet to confirm if this fieldwork will be conducted.

Interested students are requested to express their interest via a concise motivation letter and a comprehensive CV, combined into a single PDF file. Send this PDF to Dr. Jesse Kalwij: jesse.kalwij@kit.edu. Applications will be reviewed until positions are filled. Preference will be given to KIT students that plan to do a BSc or MSc project, and are able to meet the PROMOS deadline to cover travel expenses. In the motivation letter, indicate which student project you are interested in. Note that you would need to have a valid passport (expiry date >6 months after return; >3 empty pages). Do not hesitate to contact me for additional information.

