

JOB DESCRIPTION

Vacancy reference:	SRF19339
Post Title:	Postdoctoral Research Assistant Ocean modelling and data assimilation
Grade:	Grade 6
School/Department:	SMPCS/Meteorology
Reports to:	Prof P.J. van Leeuwen
Responsible for:	n/a

Purpose

The post will be part of a team of 7 scientists working on the European Research Council Advanced Investigator Grant CUNDA, that will develop and combine causality and nonlinear data assimilation to infer cause and effect relation in the highly turbulent ocean area around South Africa. Specifically, the post will be responsible for the development of the ocean model, help with coupling it to the data assimilation framework EMPIRE, and be responsible for running the data assimilation experiments and assist in analysing the results.

Main duties and responsibilities

The main responsibilities are:

- develop the ocean modelling system consisting of the global NEMO model and a nested high-resolution of the Indian and South Atlantic Oceans.
- Assist two postdoc/programmers with coupling the system to the data-assimilation framework EMPIRE
- Perform the data-assimilation runs with the programmer and assist in analyse the results.
- Be an active and productive member of a strong team aiming to deliver the best possible science
- Publish high-quality papers in high-quality journals

Supervision received

The postdoc will be supervised by prof P.J. van Leeuwen via weekly personal meetings.

Supervision given

No supervision required, but supervision of PhD students is a possibility.

Contact

The postdoc will attend the weekly CUNDA team meetings and the weekly Data-Assimilation research Centre (DARC) meetings. He/she will work with world-class physical oceanographers in the UK and internationally, specifically with the model developer Dr. Biastoch (Kiel, Germany) and Prof De Ruijter (IMAU, Utrecht, Netherlands) and his group. Furthermore, the postdoc will work with members of the National Centre for Earth Observation NCEO.

Terms and conditions

Full time. Fixed term.

This document outlines the duties required for the time being of the post to indicate the level of responsibility. It is not a comprehensive or exhaustive list and the line manager may vary duties from time to time which do not change the general character of the job or the level of responsibility entailed.

Date assessed:

14 May 2017-05-14

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Job Title	School/Department
Postdoctoral Research Assistant Ocean Modelling and Data Assimilation	Meteorology

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Skills Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fortran90 • UNIX • Basic MPI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPI
Attainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD in physical oceanography or related discipline 	
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical oceanography • Ocean modelling • Nemo • Data assimilation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agulhas region • Advanced data assimilation
Relevant Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong publication record in relation to experience and areas relevant to this post 	
Disposition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team worker • Highly motivated • Ability to work independently • Creative 	

Completed by: Peter Jan van Leeuwen	Date: 14/05/2017
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