

Postgraduate (Masters level) scholarship opportunity in Groundwater Stewardship & Community Engagement (MAREM project)

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Are you passionate about water sustainability, community engagement, and making research accessible? We have an opening for a motivated master's student with a Social Science background to join the MAREM Project (MAR and the Microbiome) initiative. This initiative explores how Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR)—the process of recharging groundwater by redirecting surface water underground—affects microbial biodiversity and ecological function. This research is crucial for developing long-term sustainable water management strategies, especially in water-scarce regions like South Africa.

Your role will centre around the social dimensions of groundwater stewardship. You'll collaborate closely with local communities, water managers, and stakeholders to understand their perspectives, foster meaningful discussions, and promote best practices in groundwater management and MAR implementation. Responsibilities include organizing workshops, facilitating community dialogues, and developing educational materials that translate complex scientific findings into accessible and actionable knowledge. If you're excited about bridging research and real-world impact—ensuring that scientific advancements support both people and the environment—we'd love to hear from you.

Applications that include a cover letter, CV and academic transcript should be submitted via the [google form](#). If you experience any issues kindly send your application to Danielle Cloete (danielle.cloete@uct.ac.za) by **Thursday 17 April 2025**. Enquiries about the project should be directed to Bridget Makhahlela (bridget.makhahlela@uct.ac.za). The position is available immediately.