DATA SCIENTIST

(Payclass 10; Fixed Term 3 Year Contract)

AFRICAN CLIMATE AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE
FACULTY OF SCIENCE

The African Climate and Development Initiative (ACDI) is looking to appoint Data Scientists to support work with our researchers, students and collaborators on diverse climate change and related research projects. ACDI is based at the University of Cape Town and supports research and training on climate change and sustainable development.

If you have excellent data science skills and want to apply these working with large climate, environmental, socio-economic and related datasets to answer climate and sustainability research questions, this is the job for you. You will work closely with ACDI and affiliated UCT researchers on data infrastructure design and development, advanced data analysis and machine learning, application of existing software and codes, development of tools and applications, data visualization, and provide data science consultations and advice.

These are three-year fixed term contract appointments, extendable for further years, depending on performance in the position and availability of funding.

For detailed information on this post, please view the job description on the following link: (view)

To view and apply for this position, please visit the UCT Jobs site **View** (For Internal Applicants) and **View** (For external Applicants) to create a profile and to submit your application.

Closing date: 06 February 2026   **Reference:**   ID 1224

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