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## Genetics PhD project at the Cheetah Conservation Fund, Namibia

The Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF), Namibia, is currently looking for a highly motivated individual to join the on-site genetics laboratory to conduct a PhD project. The genetics laboratory is part of CCF's research and conservation efforts. CCF is a non-profit NGO dedicated to the conservation of the cheetah, and is registered as a research centre in Namibia. CCF does not award degrees but has ongoing collaborations with various universities.

The project will address various aspects of cheetah genetics, and includes landscape genetics and the investigation of several genes. Details on the project are available during the selection process. The project methodology is based on classic markers using capillary electrophoresis and includes analysis of existing data as well as processing of samples to expand the dataset(s).

The prospective student is expected to have an MSc in a relevant field and to qualify for PhD studies. The choice of the University is flexible and can be discussed as part of the selection process. The student is expected to move to CCF for the duration of the PhD and to be registered with a university prior to moving to Namibia. Basic level funding is available for the project, including funds to partially support the student. The student is also expected to seek out funding in support of the PhD project. CCF will provide guidance and support for the development of proposals.

The successful candidate should be prepared to follow best laboratory practices in molecular biology/genetics and have good attention to detail. Knowledge in GIS is desired but not required. The successful candidate will contribute to the functioning of the laboratory beyond the scope of the PhD project and must have good communication skills.

The project is available immediately. Applicants should send their CV, letter of motivation, and contact details of 3 references to [genetics@cheetah.org](mailto:genetics@cheetah.org).

The genetics laboratory is located at the CCF research centre, about 40 km east of Otjiwarongo, Namibia. Many staff members and students live in CCF housing on campus. Further information regarding CCF and its mission to conserve cheetahs in the wild may be found at [www.cheetah.org](http://www.cheetah.org).