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## MSc Bursary Genetics Department – Stellenbosch University

Lace bug (Tingidae) and flea beetle (*Argopistes* spp.) species associated with olive trees in South Africa

Olive lace bugs and olive flea beetles are phytophagous insects with injurious activity to olive trees in South Africa. Presently, the species involved in production losses and their distribution are largely unknown. The aim of the project is to generate new information on the diversity of olive lace bugs and olive flea beetles, their natural enemies and distribution in the Western Cape of South Africa, using DNA-based and morphological methods.

### Requirements

- South African citizenship
- Excellent academic record
- BSc Hons in Genetics or related field / BSc Agric in Genetics or related field (mark aggregate >65%)
- Valid driver's licence

### Application

- Motivation letter (max. two pages)
- Academic transcripts
- Curriculum vitae (max. two pages)
- Letters of reference from two academics who have taught and/or supervised the candidate within the past two years

### Deadline

- December 31, 2019

Please send your application by email to:

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