



## SA CANEGROWERS VACANCY Area Manager Eston

We are looking for a person with strong general business management experience based on strong economic, financial as well as administrative skills with an excellent rapport with people.

You must be an independent, self-motivated, experienced, and highly skilled person who is ready to help our Eston Cane Growers build and maintain their business operations. Your aim is to be the trusted link for the Eston Growers and SA Canegrowers, and to empower them to make innovative decisions for their, and the sugar industry's profitability and sustainability.

### What you'll do as Area Manager:

- You will drive and contribute to the Eston Growers strategic issues within the sugar related framework as well as regional specific matters.
- Build and grow relationships with the Eston Growers and stakeholders.
- Provide input and assist grower leadership with pre- and post-preparation for strategic meetings to forward the grower and SA Canegrowers interests.
- Project manage a diverse range of projects all in line with the local area's strategic needs.
- Provide industrial, economic, and institutional updates at local grower platforms.
- Provide a technical and economic service to individual growers.
- Participate in municipal activities such as the integrated development plans for the municipality.
- Oversee all development projects in the area such as seedcane projects.
- Advise on crop diversification and other farm/ business matters and link in closely with other commodity organisations to assist growers where possible.
- Provide the Eston Growers with a general economic research and application.
- Staff management as and when required.

### What you'll need:

- Minimum of an Agricultural Economics Degree with honours or a Business and Financial Degree.
- At least three to five years working in a financial environment or business with experience in the field of agriculture (sugar knowledge would be advantageous).
- Fluent in English with isiZulu being advantageous.
- Self-driven, problem solver with ability to oversee various projects simultaneously.
- Excellent people skills and ability to establish new relationships and connections.
- Ethically minded and values driven individual who subscribes to the values of SA Canegrowers to be accountable, ethical, courageous, and professional and who works effectively in a team environment as well as working independently to set own direction.
- A valid driver's licence.
- Excellent numerical competence and skilled in Excel and Word.

### Who We Are:

The South African Cane Growers' Association is a registered non-profit company which protects the interests of its members by lobbying for an appropriate legislative environment, negotiating the best price, undertaking research and analysis, and providing growers with critical information empowering them to make sound decisions at farm, mill and industry level. The position is based in the Eston office,

in the KwaZulu Natal Midlands, working closely with the Chairman of the Local Grower Council and Mill Group Board and reporting to the Grower Affairs Manager of SA Canegrowers.

**How to Apply:**

If you meet the requirements, please e-mail your comprehensive CV including current remuneration details and expectations, as well as qualifications including matric certificate and academic record to: [tutu.ngidi@sacanegrowers.co.za](mailto:tutu.ngidi@sacanegrowers.co.za)

It is important that you indicate the position you are applying for in the subject heading of your email.

Applications will be considered as soon as they are received, and interviews arranged for shortlisted candidates thereafter.

***In terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 (“POPIA”), the applicant freely and voluntarily consents to SA Canegrowers collecting, processing, and storing his/ her personal and special personal information for the purposes of his/ her application for this position.***

Closing date for submission: Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2021

If you have not been contacted by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, please understand that your application has been unsuccessful.