

The University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) is committed to meeting the objectives of Employment Equity to improve representivity within the Institution.

Preference will be given to applicants from designated groups in accordance with our Employment Equity Plan.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT x 2
(1 year fixed term contract)
PEROMNES GRADE 9**

**HIV PATHOGENESIS PROGRAMME (HPP)
SCHOOL OF LABORATORY MEDICINE AND MEDICAL SCIENCES
NELSON R MANDELA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
CLOSING DATE: Friday, 10 February 2017
Ref: HPP/RA/310117**

The HIV Pathogenesis Programme (HPP) has two **Research Assistant** positions available. The incumbent will be required to be highly motivated, meticulous and hardworking and be able to work independently. The incumbent will report to the Laboratory Manager.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- BSc (Honors) degree or equivalent
- Familiarity with biomedical research laboratory procedures and safety requirements

ADVANTAGE

- Minimum one year experience in a biomedical research laboratory
- Experience working with human samples
- Experience in flow cytometry
- Tissue culture experience
- MSc
- HPCSA registered

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist senior researcher and his team with experiments, quality control and data verification
- Ordering of reagents and inventory keeping
- Undertake general sample processing of HIV positive blood samples
- Freezing and cataloguing of cells
- Participate in the various academic activities – journal club, training programme, virtual seminars, joint seminars and lab meetings.
- Develop specific laboratory experiments and analytical tools
- General laboratory housekeeping

The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, 10 February 2017. The University, however, reserves the right in special circumstances to accept late applications or to extend the above date in order to facilitate further searches.

Enquiries and details regarding this post, as well as requests for a job profile may be directed to Mrs Tarryn Tomlinson, e-mail address: leslie@ukzn.ac.za

Applicants are required to complete the relevant application form, which is available on the Vacancies website at www.ukzn.ac.za. Completed forms must be sent to Mrs. Tarryn Tomlinson, e-mail address leslie@ukzn.ac.za. **Please quote the advert reference number in your subject line.**

Terms of appointment and Selection Process

The post will commence in March / April 2017 and will be offered on a one-year, fixed term contract. The terms and conditions governing this appointment will be in compliance with those of the University of KwaZulu-Natal. The position is potentially renewable, depending on availability of funds. The monthly cost of employment for this position will be R14, 000 – R16, 000, dependent on the experience of the successful candidate.

The selection process will commence in February 2017 and will continue until suitable candidates are appointed or a decision is taken not to fill the posts.