

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS IN LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The University of KwaZulu-Natal, in partnership with the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN), invites applications from high calibre candidates wishing to enrol for the 2015 Young Researchers Programme focusing on Regional and Local Economic Development Research (R&LED) in KZN. This is a great opportunity for committed candidates interested in furthering their studies through a full-time masters degree by research.

About the Programme

The Young Researchers Programme focuses on capacity building in R&LED projects; policy matters; and institutional and professional capacity building. It is supported by a group of committed researchers who are responsible for designing and implementing research projects of significance to R&LED.

The Young Researchers benefit immensely from this Programme which is aimed at developing skills that are vitally important in today's economic development environment including team-based interaction, the ability to manage outcomes without having direct authority over others, and the capacity to aid in the definition and the direction of R&LED initiatives.

Expectations

The primary role of the Young Researchers is to complete a masters degree dissertation in a field of mutual interest to the R&LED community and the individual candidate. The Researcher is expected to provide research assistance on a paper for publication related to the designated topic area. Thus, candidates with different disciplinary backgrounds will be required to work on a range of interdisciplinary projects. We need to say here that students will be required to work in the R&LED team and contribute to the many activities being undertaken within the wider project as well as getting opportunities to work in these activities, building their experience and network in the field of R&LED.

Minimum Entrance Requirement: An honours degree or equivalent from a recognised institution of higher education. For full details on the Programme and the entrance requirements visit: <http://rledi.ukzn.ac.za>.

Prospective students will undergo a rigorous process of selection.

Interested candidates are required to submit a one page motivational letter; CV; and certified copies of ID, certificates and academic transcripts to dlaminib1@ukzn.ac.za

Closing date for applications: 18 December 2014

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