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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

Project OFFICER

**(PEROMNES GRADE 11)**

One Year FIXED TERM APPOINTMENT

**SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL, EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES**

**(FARMER SUPPORT GROUP)**

**PIETERMARITZBURG CAMPUS**

**REF NO: FSG/01**

The Farmer Support Group (FSG) is a research, community development and outreach unit which undertakes action research and development activities to inform policy makers, development agents, farmers and other land users, especially women and the poor, in sustainable and productive natural resource management, institutional development, and entrepreneurship. The organization uses participatory and innovative research methodologies for engaging rural constituencies. FSG is implementing action research projects on sustainable agriculture for improved rural livelihoods. The projects require a Project Officer to implement community-level agricultural activities with communities.

The incumbent will be responsible for facilitating community engagement with rural communities. S/he will be responsible for organizing regular project meetings and sessions with target community members in the project to impart relevant skills. In addition, S/he should communicate and organize meetings with various stakeholders. All of the above duties will be in line with project deliverables and log-frames. S/he should have technical knowledge on crop production and sustainable agricultural practices and be able to converse in IsiZulu

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

* Matric plus a 4 year relevant Bachelor’s Degree in Agricultural Extension or related field.
* Two years’ experience facilitating Agricultural Development Projects/Research, and/or crop production and sustainable agricultural practices.
* A valid driver’s license.
* Experience in word-processing and spreadsheets.

**Short-listed candidates will receive an invitation for an interview and may be required to undergo a skills test**

Enquiries and details regarding this post may be directed to, 033 260 6497 or email: [Sahadeva@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:Sahadeva@ukzn.ac.za)

**The closing date for receipt of applications is 4 August 2017. Applicants are required to complete the relevant application form which is available on the Vacancies website at** [**www.ukzn.ac.za**](http://www.ukzn.ac.za)**. Completed forms may be sent to** [**sahadeva@ukzn.ac.za**](mailto:sahadeva@ukzn.ac.za) **Advert Reference Number MUST be clearly stated in the subject line.**