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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

POST DOCTORAL RESEARCHER: ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

ONE YEAR FIXED TERM APPOINTMENT

SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES

DURBAN / PIETERMARITZBURG CENTRES

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Posts are now available for suitably qualified post-doctoral researchers to join the Wellcome Trust funded project **Sustainable and Healthy Food Systems (SHEFS)**. This project is a collaboration between the University of KwaZulu-Natal, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), University College London (UCL), the University of Aberdeen and several other institutions in London, along with our collaborators in India (PHFI, Delhi). The broad research focus for SHEFS is on the food-environment-health nexus, and the associated policy impacts of food system change.

The post-doctoral scholar will be required conduct research in one of two strands of inquiry: To explore the power relations that are produced through, and which in turn re-produce, the construction of knowledge in the food-environment-health (FEH) nexus OR to explore how narratives and lived experiences of tradition and modernity; urban and rural; and formal and informal shape the relations between food, environment and health, producing multiple FEH configurations. The successful candidate report to Dr Catherine Sutherland, School of Built Environment and Development Studies, University of KwaZulu-Natal.

This is a one-year contract, renewable annually for a further two years, depending on performance with research work and collaborative potential. The recommended candidates will be awarded R275 000.00 per annum.

Minimum Requirements:

- PhD in social science / social-ecological science or related field.
- 3 years relevant work experience in interdisciplinary research.
- A proven research record as evidenced by at least a recent publication in peer-reviewed ISI/DHET rated journals.
- Experience in working in multi-disciplinary teams.

Advantages:

- Transdisciplinary research experience.
- Understanding of systems interactions between food, health and environment.

Candidates who are self-motivated, rigorous and responsible with a track record showing the ability to conduct independent research work and publications in reputable journals are encouraged to apply. **The closing date for receipt of applications is 30 March 2018, however, this advert will remain open until the position is filled.**

Applicants may direct queries to and/or submit their Curriculum Vitae and a detailed motivation on how they would contribute to the required SHEFS research to Ms Rashieda Davids, Email: DavidsR@ukzn.ac.za. This appointment will be made in line with the University Guidelines/benchmarks which are available on the University Vacancies website on <http://vacancies.ukzn.ac.za/Academic-Process-Proc-Guides.aspx>