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**RESEARCHER (1 Post)**

(Two Months Fixed-Term/Ad hoc Appointment)

SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTING, ECONOMICS & FINANCE

MACROECONOMICS WORKING GROUP

WESTVILLE CAMPUS

**REFERENCE NO: SAEF/MRU/01/2019**

The Macroeconomics Research Unit in the School of Accounting, Economics & Finance seeks to appoint a suitably qualified researcher (postgraduate student or postdoctoral fellow) to the position of researcher on a fixed-term/ad hoc basis during the period of April to May 2019. The successful applicant will be expected to lead a project that will compute a Business Confidence Index for eThekwini Municipality. Other stakeholders in the project are the Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry, eThekwini Municipality and Trade and Investment KwaZulu-Natal.

**Minimum Requirements**

• Masters’ or PhD degree in Economics or a related field

• Good writing skills

• Successfully presented a proposal (for the PhD) or be a postdoctoral fellow

• Excellent working knowledge of Microsoft Excel

**Advantages**

• Experience in the use of Stata, Eviews, SPSS and/or MATLAB.

• Lecturing/tutorial experience at tertiary level; and

• Demonstration of effective communication skills.

For further information, contact Dr Kutu Adebayo, email: kutuA@ukzn.ac.za

The remuneration package offered will be dependent on the qualifications and experience of the successful applicant, and will be in accordance with the University’s policy on fixed term/ad hoc appointments.

Applicants are required to email an application letter, a one-page proposal and updated CV to Ms. Zandile Nyuswa e-mail: [nyuswaz@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:nyuswaz@ukzn.ac.za)

The closing date for receipt of applications is midnight on Monday 8 April 2019. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

**Macroeconomics Research Unit Background**

The Macroeconomics Research Unit (MRU) is a research initiative of the School of Accounting, Economics and Finance at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN). The Unit comprises of academics and postgraduate students whose mission is to advance and develop research in this field. The Unit’s pioneering macroeconomics research output is expected to lead to well-informed policy decisions and implementation and to be published in leading journals. This is achieved through the Unit’s researchers attending and presenting at national and international conferences; collating current data and examining trends of macroeconomic indicators, a project that will be undertaken *ad continuum*; and he hosting and facilitation of workshops on advanced techniques of solving macroeconomic problems and weekly research discussion sessions, a platform where researchers and postgraduate students from any discipline in SAEF are encouraged to bring their current research work for engagement and constructive feedback. Between 2016 to 2019, MRU researchers have presented at conferences in Turkey, France, China, United Kingdom, Hungary, Cyprus, Japan, Senegal, Canada, Dubai, Nigeria and the United States of America.