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 **COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE**

**RESEARCH SCIENTIST**

**ONE YEAR FIXED TERM APPOINTMENT**

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

**PIETERMARITZBURG CAMPUS**

**REF NO.:SAEES05/2021**

The SARChI Chair seeks to appoint a Research Scientist to provide support in advancing research activities in Sustainable Agricultural Intensification. The SARChI Chair in Agronomy and Rural Development group engages in research, development, innovation and community outreach projects in the wider field of sustainable agriculture and agrarian rural economic development. The incumbent will be involved in the training and education of undergraduate and postgraduate students and contribute in building the knowledge base in Agronomy and Rural Development through research and publication.

S/he will be active in the community engagement related to the SARChI Chair in Agronomy and Rural Development. The knowledge of sustainable agriculture, climate-smart agriculture, field crop production, food security, experimental design, data collection and analyses would be advantageous.

The incumbent will report to SARChI Chair: Agronomy and Rural Development.

**Minimum Requirements:**

* A relevant MSc degree by research in Agricultural Sciences or equivalent qualification;
* Two years post Masters experience in teaching/research in Sustainable Agricultural Intensification in the tertiary institution or similar industry experience.
* Current research activity in sustainable agriculture as evidenced by a publication in ISI/DHET or SAPSE-rated journal
* Evidence of working with and/or supervision of MSc and/or PhD students

Enquiries and details regarding this post may be directed to the Line Manager for this post, Professor Paramu Mafongoya, e-mail: mafongoya@ukzn.ac.za

**The closing date for receipt of applications is 14 August 2021.**

The School and the University reserve the right to not appoint and/or stop the recruitment process at any stage.

**The remuneration will be in line with the UKZN fixed term rates of pay.**

**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 AND Curriculum Vitae may be sent to Ms Nopayi Mkhize, email:** MkhizeN34@ukzn.ac.za**. The Advert Reference Number, Level and Campus MUST be clearly stated in the subject line.**