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**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE**

**POST DOCTORAL RESEARCH (1 POST)**

**THREE YEAR FIXED TERM APPOINTMENT**

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

**PIETERMARITZBURG CAMPUS**

**REFERENCE NO.: SAEES-PD02/2021 Postdoc Plant Pathology**

The following Post-Doctoral Fellowship is available to support activities in the Discipline of Plant Pathology:

Research area: Research on biological control of horticultural pests

The successful applicants will be expected to engage in **full-time** postdoctoral studies under the supervision of Prof. Laing in Plant Pathology.

**Minimum Requirements:**

* A doctoral degree obtained in the last three years in Plant Pathology with a specialization in biological control and insect management.
* Applicants must be under the age of 45 years
* Must be based at UKZN for the duration of the scholarship.

UKZN is committed to equity and transformation. Applications from previously disadvantaged population groups and persons with disabilities will be viewed favourably.

Comprehensive applications are invited, comprising of

* A PhD degree in Plant Pathology or related field, specializing in biological control.
* A letter of motivation, including the earliest possible starting date
* An up-to-date CV
* Contact details of two academic referees
* Record of academic transcripts
* An example of your academic writing skills, by either providing an article or chapter of your PhD thesis

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 9th August 2021**.

Applications must be sent to Ms. Precious Sithole at [sitholep@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:sitholep@ukzn.ac.za). indicating the reference number in the email’s subject line. Late applications will not be considered. Successful individuals will be contacted on or before 22 August 2021. An online interview will take place.

Any questions can be raised by contacting Professor Mark Laing, [laing@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:laing@ukzn.ac.za). The Chair reserves the right not to make an appointment to this advert.

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>

The successful incumbent will be expected to complete an employment form for the Human Resources Division. This will enable the incumbent to access facilities such as parking discs, personalised e-mail address as well as receive his/her monthly payment timeously.

Form PD1-1