**The University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) is committed to meeting the objectives of Employment Equity to improve representivity within the Institution. Preference will be given to applicants from designated groups in accordance with our Employment Equity Plan.**

**Applications are invited from all interested eligible applicants, who are registered postgraduate students at Masters/PhD level.**

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE**

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

**THREE MONTH ADHOC APPOINTMENT**

**SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES**

**WESTVILLE CAMPUS**

**REF NO: SLS 41/2021**

A Research Assistant opportunity is available in the School of Life Sciences, Discipline of Microbiology (Westville Campus) to support the research activity of the TB BIOMARKER AND VACCINE RESEARCH GROUP.

The incumbent is expected to perfom molecular biology experiments including cDNA synthesis, PCR, cloning and expression of recombinant proteins, ELISA, Westernblot; and support other research activities of the Principal investigator.

The incumbent must have a strong background in recombinant DNA and molecular biology techniques in general.

The incumbent will report to the Project Principal Investigator, Dr. TE Chiliza.

**Minimum requirements:**

* MSc degree in the field of Microbiology/Biotechnology or related field.
* At least 2 years research experience in molecular biology.
* Experience in laboratory management will be an added advantage.

**The closing date for receipt of applications is 10 October 2021. Late applications will not be considered. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an online interview.**

**The remuneration will be in line with the UKZN student rates of pay. Enquiries and details regarding this project and associated duties may be directed to Dr. TE Chiliza, email:** **Chilizat@ukzn.ac.za**

**Applicants are required to submit their Curriculum Vitae, together with a cover letter quoting the reference number, indicating their experience in meeting the stipulated minimum requirments to Ms Xoli Shandu, Email:** **shandu@ukzn.ac.za****.**

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