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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

**MASTERS QUALIFIED RESEARCH ASSISTANTS (3 POSTS)
(NATURAL / ENVIRONMENTAL/ AGRICULTURAL / SOCIAL SCIENCE)
STUDENT APPOINTMENT ONE TO TWO MONTHS
SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES
DURBAN / PIETERMARITZBURG CENTRES**

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**HONOURS/4th YEAR QUALIFIED RESEARCH ASSISTANTS (4 POSTS)
(NATURAL / AGRICULTURAL / SOCIAL / SOCIAL SCIENCE)
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The Community of Practice (COP) is a collaboration of the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) and various biodiversity and conservation stakeholder organisations. This covers two broad scientific knowledge areas, i.e. Biodiversity and Ecology/ecosystem functioning. There are four main aims: (1) to network further with the Centre for Functional Biodiversity (CFB), (2) to support government agencies in the field of biodiversity management, (3) conduct research on municipal land-use planning and policy development (linked to the Durban Research Action Partnership(D'RAP)), (4) conduct research in restoring trees in society (WOODRIGHTS project through D'RAP).

The positions are intended to provide Academic Staff Collaborators on the COP project with assistance with work linked to the COP project, as well as to provide students or recent graduates with additional experience and financial resources for students in need.

The Masters Qualified Research Assistant appointment duration can range from one to two months. The candidate should have experience in line with the requirements of the research, as defined by the Academic Staff Collaborator for whom the incumbent will work. The Academic Staff Collaborator must motivate the need for the work, and for the support of the student.

Minimum Requirements:

- A relevant Masters degree in ecosystem/environmental sciences, agricultural science, social science, or related field.
- Currently registered at UKZN for a PhD degree, or recent graduate.
- Evidence of acceptance/support (motivation) by one of the COP Collaborators (see attached list for details).

Preference will be given to students not in receipt of a bursary or scholarship supporting their studies. The recommended Masters qualified candidates will be awarded an allowance of R13 000 per month.

The Honours/4th Year Qualified Research Assistant appointment can range from one to two months. The candidate should have experience in line with the requirements of the research, as defined by the Academic Staff Collaborator for whom the incumbent will work. The Academic Staff Collaborator must motivate the need for the work, and for the support of the student.

Minimum Requirements:

- A relevant Honours degree or four-year Bachelor's degree in ecosystem/environmental sciences, agricultural science, or related field.
- Currently registered at UKZN for a Masters degree, or recent graduate.
- Evidence of acceptance/support (reference) by one of the Project Collaborators (see attached list for details).

Preference will be given to students not in receipt of a bursary or scholarship supporting their studies. The recommended Honours/4th Year qualified candidates will be awarded an allowance of R11 000 per month.

**Enquiries regarding the full details of the associated duties may be directed to the relevant Academic Staff Collaborator (see table below). If you do not receive a response from a collaborator for support of your application, please consider your application unsuccessful. Applications without support from an Academic Staff Collaborator will not be considered.*

The closing date for applications is 24 October 2021.

Applicants are required to submit the following: (1) Curriculum Vitae, together with the (2) cover letter of support from the prospective COP project collaborator for whom the incumbent will work (see list below), and (3) Letter to confirm/declare his/her previous/current contract/s with any other college/school/division in the university; and/or whether he/her is in receipt of a bursary or scholarship supporting their studies; to:

Ms Preshnee Singh, Email: SinghP7@ukzn.ac.za. Advert Reference Number MUST be clearly stated in the subject line.

LIST OF ELIGIBLE COP COLLABORATORS AND CONTACT DETAILS.

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