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**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE**

**POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP**

**01 OCTOBER 2023 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

**PLANT PATHOLOGY**

**SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE**

**PIETERMARITZBURG COLLEGE CAMPUS**

**REF NO.: PPTH 2023 - 01**

The Discipline of Plant Pathology within the School has a postdoctoral fellowship position available in the area of pest management in fruit crops. The incumbent will be required to isolate biocontrol agents, and to manage the collection and artificial growth of insect pests of fruit crops.

**Minimum Requirements:**

Applicants must be under the age of 45 years and have completed a doctoral degree within the past five years in Plant Pathology

* A PhD in Plant Pathology or related field, covering the area of biological control of insect pests.
* Experience in the collection and artificial growth of insects
* Field experience in studies of pests and diseases.
* A valid driving license for manual light vehicles.

Enquiries and details regarding this post may be directed to Prof. M.D. Laing at laing@ukzn.ac.za

The post will be for one year, worth R220,000 per annum, funded by industry sources.

**The closing date for receipt of application 25th Sept 2023.**

**Applicants are required to submit the following:**

1. **a covering letter highlighting their experience in meeting each of the minimum requirements as listed above.**
2. **a detailed CV including a list of publications and conference presentations**
3. **contact details for two referees**
4. **a certified copy of the applicant’s doctoral degree certificate or PhD award letter**
5. **a certified copy of the applicant’s ID / permanent residency document. Foreigners must be in possession of relevant permits.**

**Applications must be emailed to: [sitholep@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:sitholep@ukzn.ac.za) before the closing date.The subject line must clearly indicate the reference PPTH Postdoctoral fellowship.**

**Late applications will not be considered. Successful individuals will be contacted .An online interview will take place.The research group reserves the right not to make an appointment to this advertisement. Should you not receive a reply or update by the 27th September 2023, kindly consider that your application has not been successful.**

***Kindly note that the University of KwaZulu-Natal (“the University”) is required to process any Personal Information (as defined by the Protection of Personal Act, 2013 “POPIA”) submitted by candidates when applying for positions at the University. The University will endeavour to***

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