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**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE**

**POST DOCTORAL RESEARCHER: URBAN REMOTES SENSING AND GREEN ECOLOGY PROJECT**

**TWO YEAR FIXED TERM APPOINTMENT**

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The Schools of Agricultural, Earth and Environmental Sciences (SAEES) and Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science (MSCS), University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) are pleased to announce a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in urban remote sensing, urban green ecology, urban microclimate and climate change. The Post-Doctoral Researcher will be required to develop an integrated approach to understanding urban green ecosystems, and their implication on urban micro-climate and ecosystem services using Remote Sensing and Machine Learning technologies. We seek an innovative and self-motivated professional with a very strong background in GIS/Remote sensing, Computer Science, and programming skills. The successful candidate will be expected to work in a multidisciplinary environment, supporting post graduate students and publish research findings in accredited journals.

In addition, the Postdoctoral Research Fellow may be required to contribute to teaching and/or other related research projects. The amount of the fellowship will be ZAR220 000 (two-hundred and twenty thousand rands) per annum for a period of two years. Renewal for a second year will be based on a satisfactory progress.

**Minimum Requirements:**

* PhD in Environmental Science, Computer Science, Geography, Remote Sensing/GIS, Ecology, with strong evidence of remote sensing applications in Ecology.
* A proven research record as evidenced by at least three publications in peer-reviewed ISI/DHET accredited journal in the last five years.
* Analytical GIS and or Remote Sensing with advanced programming skills
* Experience of working in multi-disciplinary teams.

Candidates who are self-motivated, rigorous and responsible with a track record showing the ability to conduct independent research work and publications in reputable journals are encouraged to apply. **The closing date for receipt of applications is 5th June 2024 however, this advert will remain open until the positions are filled.**

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

For more information, contact Prof. John Odindi – Odindi@ukzn.ac.za

Applicants are required to submit the following: (1) CV with publication record, (2) **An indication of the Post Doc being applied for, with a motivation** (3) Full academic records, and (4) contact details of two academic referees to [sitholep@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:sitholep@ukzn.ac.za)

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