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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTRE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT – SANITATION (6 POSITIONS)
(ONE YEAR FIXED-TERM APPOINTMENTS - PART-TIME)
WATER SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH) RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
HOWARD COLLEGE CAMPUS
REFERENCE: WASH 5/2024**

The WASH R&D Centre is a transdisciplinary research and development hub in Africa that produces next-generation solutions for global water and sanitation challenges. Housed in the School of Engineering, the WASH R&D Centre is a recognised leader in WASH Research, Development and Innovation with high impact to water, sanitation, hygiene, and food security needs in Africa and globally.

The Initiative to Strengthen Climate Resilience and Disaster Preparedness in eThekweni Municipality through Innovative Sanitation Solutions is a project that seeks to test and evaluate non-sewered sanitation technologies which can be used in disaster preparedness and disaster response to reduce risk and the impacts of climate change events. The 2022 floods severely damaged sewerage infrastructure and this revealed that there is need for appropriate sanitation systems that can be implemented to be pro-active and responsive to climate change events (including floods, droughts and heat events).

The project is looking to employ six research assistants who will work as part of a transdisciplinary team in conducting surveys in informal settlements, translating research materials, contributing to the design of data collection tools, and facilitating local community stakeholder engagements.

The positions are part-time and payment will be made upon the submission of a monthly timesheet in accordance to the University's fixed term rates.

Minimum Requirements:

- Postgraduate qualification in any field
- 2 years relevant experience working in a research environment
- Knowledge of sanitation systems
- Experience conducting research in informal settlements and rural communities
- Fluency in IsiZulu and English

The closing date for receipt of applications is 24 July 2024.

Applicants are required to complete the relevant application form which is available on the Vacancies website at <http://vacancies.ukzn.ac.za/Home.aspx>

Completed application forms must be sent to Lungi Ndlela ndlelal1@ukzn.ac.za and Anthony Odili Odilia@ukzn.ac.za Please use the reference in your subject line.

The University however, reserves the right in special circumstances to accept late applications or extend the above date in order to facilitate further searches.

The University reserves the right not to make an appointment to this advertisement

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 ensure that the appropriate security measures are in place and implemented for both electronic and paper-based formats that are used for processing of the personal information recorded through this recruitment and selection process. We refer you to the University’s relevant Section 18 notice at [http://vacancies.ukzn.ac.za/Libraries/General_Documents/Section_18_Notice -
_Employees_and_Potential_Employees.sflb.ashx](http://vacancies.ukzn.ac.za/Libraries/General_Documents/Section_18_Notice_-_Employees_and_Potential_Employees.sflb.ashx)