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COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

**LABORATORY ANIMAL ASSISTANT
(Grade 15)
1 YEAR FIXED TERM APPOINTMENT
BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH UNIT
SCHOOL OF LABORATORY MEDICINE & MEDICAL SCIENCES
WESTVILLE CAMPUS**

REF NO: T/LMMS04/2024

The incumbent will be required to provide technical support in the Biomedical Resources Unit, a laboratory animal facility. The applicant is expected to be trained in working with laboratory animals and animal material, which he/she may have acquired whilst working in a similar unit. A sound knowledge of health, safety and hygiene within a minimal disease animal unit is advantageous. He/she would be working in a unit that operates 365 days a year hence he/she may have after hour duties as part of their normal schedule. It is expected of the candidate to enrol and complete predetermined online animal laboratory courses to enable the candidate to qualify for authorisation at the South African Veterinary Council.

Minimum Requirements:

- Matric
- 1 year experience in a laboratory animal environment or maintenance of formal animal farming systems Or at least one-year exposure in a veterinary practice environment working as a veterinary assistant and animal caretaker

Duties:

- Laboratory animal housing maintenance
- Supply animals for research demands
- Hygiene management of reusable items
- General assistance in the Unit
- Research assistant
- Miscellaneous duties that require technical assistance.
- Perform weekend and holiday duties as required.

Essential requirements:

- Work related experience
- Basic knowledge of the importance of hygiene management, and animal welfare practices.
- Basic computer literacy, data capturing and record keeping.
- Prepared to be registered or authorised with the South African Veterinary Council to perform Laboratory Animal procedures and/or the ability to be trained for authorisation.
- Proof of health clearance concerning any allergies that could jeopardise work performance.
- Physically able to perform hard labour.
- Willing to embark on a laboratory animal course

This post reports to the Manager. Enquiries regarding this post may be directed to Mrs Ritta Govender on 031-260 7671.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 11th October 2024

Applicants are required to complete the relevant application form which is available on the vacancies website at www.ukzn.ac.za. Completed forms may be sent to ntulim@ukzn.ac.za advert reference Number MUST be clearly stated in the subject line.