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**COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
SCHOOL OF NURSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH
CENTRE FOR RURAL HEALTH
HOWARD COLLEGE CAMPUS**

**DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP (x2 Fellows)
(12- Month)
REFERENCE NO. CRH /5050**

ARISE NETWORK PROJECTS

The Africa Research, Implementation Science, and Education (ARISE) Network Projects are based at the Centre for Rural Health (CRH) within the School of Nursing and Public Health at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN). The ARISE Network is a multi-country research network focusing on adolescent health. Eight health and demographic surveillance systems (HDSS) sites in seven sub-Saharan African countries (South Africa, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Uganda) contribute data and participate in collaborative multi-country research projects led by ARISE Network researchers. The Umlazi Surveillance Initiative to Nurture Grassroots Action (USINGA) HDSS is the South African ARISE Network site located in Umlazi Township, situated south of Durban.

The ARISE Network in collaboration with the University of Heidelberg and Technical University of Munich in Germany and Harvard University in the USA has two new projects: **Reducing Nutrition-Related Noncommunicable Diseases in Adolescence and Youth: Interventions and Policies to Boost Nutrition Fluency and Diet Quality in Africa (NUTRINT)**, the EU Horizon funded project, which aims to reduce diets and nutrition and physical activity-related risks of NCDs among adolescents in Sub-Saharan Africa and the **Research Network For Design And Evaluation Of Adolescent Health Interventions And Policies In Sub-Saharan Africa (DASH)**, the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ) funded project, which aims to design and evaluate adolescent health interventions and policies in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The UKZN School of Nursing and Public Health, in collaboration with ARISE Network, has opportunity for students who are interested in pursuing a PhD in adolescent health research with a specific focus on nutrition & physical activity, sexual and reproductive health, or mental health.

Essential Requirements

- Must hold a Master's degree in Public Health, Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Population Science Studies, etc.
- Must meet UKZN PhD (Public Health) admission requirements
- Have the academic achievement of >65% in Master's degree.
- Applicant must be willing to pursue a full-time PhD study.
- Conduct PhD research on any ARISE projects they find interesting
- Contribute to adolescent health and population science research
- Willingness to work in a multidisciplinary team.
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively, including undertaking fieldwork in USINGA HDSS
- Applicant must be South African or a permanent resident

Advantages

- Have at least two (2) years of post-Masters work or research experience, preferably in a health-related field.
- Proficiency in at least one of statistical software (Stata, SAS, R, etc).
- Fluency in IsiZulu language.
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively

Application format

The closing date for receipt of applications is **25 October 2024.**

Applicants are required to submit

- A one-page cover letter briefly describing their suitability and research interests,
- A detailed CV, highlighting their experience in each of the minimum requirements listed above, together with the name, telephone number and e-mail address of two referees.
- All tertiary qualification certificates and academic transcripts
- A copy of ID or passport.

Applications must be sent directly to Mr. Themba Manqele, at Manqelet@ukzn.ac.za

Please use the email subject heading: **Application for Doctoral Fellowship: ARISE projects**

Enquires can be directed to [Dr. Jabulani Ncayiyana, at NcayiyanaJ@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:NcayiyanaJ@ukzn.ac.za)

Terms of appointment and selection process

The positions will be offered in compliance with the admission policies of the University of KwaZulu-Natal.