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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

**POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW: AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
ONE-YEAR FIXED-TERM APPOINTMENT
School of Agriculture & Science
PIETERMARITZBURG CAMPUS**

REF NO. SAS_DWS_01/2025

The University of KwaZulu-Natal invites applications from highly motivated and experienced Agricultural Economists for the position of **POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW**. The successful candidate will join an interdisciplinary team working on the project titled *“Development of Guidelines for Financial Mechanisms and Economic Models to Facilitate a Circular Economy in the Provision of Faecal Sludge Management Services (WD 379)”*. This role is ideal for a dynamic early-career researcher looking to contribute meaningfully to economic modelling, sustainability, and circular economy innovation in the water and sanitation sector.

The incumbent will report to the Project Leader, Prof A. Odindo.

Minimum requirements

- PhD in Agricultural Economics degree or equivalent
- At least three (3) peer-reviewed publications, with at least one focused on circular economy themes.
- Demonstrated experience in financial mechanisms and economic modelling, particularly within sustainability, water, sanitation, or environmental economics contexts.
- Strong quantitative and qualitative research skills.
- Excellent communication skills and the ability to engage with diverse stakeholders.
- Proven experience in publishing, project coordination, and stakeholder engagement.

Eligible and suitable candidates are encouraged to apply. **The closing date for submitting applications is 20 August 2025.** This appointment will be made in line with the University Guidelines/benchmarks, available on the University Vacancies website, <http://vacancies.ukzn.ac.za/Home.aspx>. Enquiries and details regarding this post may be directed to Professor AO Odindo, 033 260 5425 or email: odindoa@ukzn.ac.za

Fellowship Award applications should include the following:

A letter of motivation, C.V., Full academic records, and contact details of three academic referees. Applications should be submitted to the School Administration: sitholep@ukzn.ac.za. The School reserves the right not to fill the post until a suitable candidate is found.

The advert Reference Number MUST be clearly stated in the subject line.

Kindly note that the University of KwaZulu-Natal ("the University") is required to process any Personal Information (as defined by the Protection of Personal Information 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 electronic and paper-based formats that are used for processing 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