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HEARD has a global reputation as a leading applied research centre that brings together interdisciplinary teams to solve complex health problems as well as train the next generation of African health leaders. The centre is a self-funded organisation based at the University of KwaZulu-Natal that conducts research on the socio-economic aspects of public health, especially the African HIV and AIDS pandemic. We have an Africa-wide mandate with research applicable across the region that impacts on regional policies and programmes.

All appointments will be in terms of the prevailing University Employment Equity Policy and the Employment Equity Plan of the faculty/division (available at <http://www.ukzn.ac.za/ESU>). The University reserves the right not to make an appointment or to stop the process at any stage to headhunt or re-advertise the post to meet its equity goals. Candidates who do not meet the minimum criteria will not be considered.

RESEARCH INTERN

1 YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT

WESTVILLE CAMPUS

HEARD's internship programme is designed to build the capacity of recently graduated young researchers by exposing them to real work situations and projects, and to enhance their ability to conduct scientific research and manage projects. Preference is given to applicants who have conducted health-related research on topics in line with HEARD's research agenda and programmes. Interns are recruited to HEARD for a period of one year and are allocated to HEARD researcher/s to work on research projects as a way of strengthening their research skills.

Responsibilities

- Participation in the conceptualisation and execution of research projects, the formulation of research questions and writing proposals;
- Assisting with the submission of research proposals;
- Collection and analysis of data;
- Writing up of research results, research reports and manuscripts for publication;
- Research administration of research project activities;
- Preparation of a PhD proposal.

Requirements

Minimum Requirements:

- A Master's degree in Economics.
- Strong interest in health economics
- Strong analytical and writing skills.
- Experience conducting quantitative analysis.
- A valid driver's licence and the ability to travel for work.
- Be based at our offices, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Westville Campus for the duration of the employment.
- Fluency in English

Achievement: You are eager to learn and inspired to bring about change and impact through research.

Commitment: We are looking for a recent graduate to start on the 1st February 2026. We will consider applications from those graduating early 2026.

Closing date: Monday, 15th December 2025

Applications to be completed on the attached application form.

Email applications to heardhr@ukzn.ac.za

For queries, contact Robyn-Lee Wagner, +27 (0) 31 2607837.

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted within 2 weeks of the closing date.