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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

**RESEARCH SCIENTIST
ONE YEAR FIXED TERM APPOINTMENT
RESEARCH CENTRE FOR PLANT GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND SCIENCE
PIETERMARITZBURG CAMPUS**

REFERENCE NO.: SAScBS 37/2025

The post is initially a fixed term appointment for one year with the possibility of extension pending progress. No formal teaching will be involved. The incumbent will be expected to help primarily with physiological aspects. The incumbent will assist with administrative duties in respect of publications and management of graduate researchers.

The incumbent will report to the Director of the Research Centre for Plant Growth and Development, Professor J van Staden.

Minimum Requirements:

- A Doctoral Degree (or proof of PhD submission for examination) in Botanical Sciences/Ethnobotany.
- A minimum of 2 years experience in research related to Biological Sciences.
- Proven publication record in the fields of Biology/Agricultural Sciences with a minimum 7 publications in DoHET accredited journals.
- Ability to work efficiently in a large interdisciplinary research team and give guidance to MSc and PhD students.

The total remuneration package offered will be in line with the UKZN fixed-term rates.

Enquiries and details regarding this post may be directed to Professor J van Staden, 033 2605130 or e-mail: rcpgd@ukzn.ac.za

The closing date for receipt of applications is 31 December 2025.

Applicants are required to submit a detailed Curriculum Vitae, together with a cover letter indicating their experience in meeting the stipulated minimum requirements. Application documentation must be sent to Mrs Tanya Karalic, e-mail: karalict@ukzn.ac.za . The successful incumbent will commence duty on 01 February 2026. Advert Reference Number MUST be clearly stated in the subject line.

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