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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

**LABORATORY ASSISTANT (MICROBIOLOGY)
PEROMNES GRADE 15 (Fixed-term contract 6 months)**

**SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND SCIENCE
DISCIPLINE OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
PIETERMARITZBURG CAMPUS**

REFERENCE NO: SAScBS 08/2026

The prospective incumbent will be responsible for the good housekeeping of the Microbiology laboratories. S/he will assist the Senior Technician with various pre-practical activities, including setting up and cleaning away materials and equipment for undergraduate practicals in Microbiology. S/he will be responsible for reporting to the Line Manager any basic maintenance needs of Microbiology undergraduate laboratory equipment and/or infrastructure. S/he will assist with the disposal of refuse and waste from the laboratories. S/he will be responsible for the cleaning of all glassware and other equipment from undergraduate practicals. S/he will be required to perform any other duties as determined by management regarding the operational needs of the school.

The prospective incumbent will report to the Senior Technician in charge of the laboratory.

Minimum Requirements:

- Matric
- One year of relevant experience in a Biological Science laboratory environment

Enquiries and details regarding this post may be directed to Ms C. Clark, e-mail: clarkm@ukzn.ac.za

The remuneration will be in line with the UKZN appointment rates.

The closing date for receipt of applications is **23rd January 2026**

Applicants are required to send a covering letter and a comprehensive CV to Ms Tanya Karalic at KaralicT@ukzn.ac.za. The letter must provide details of the candidate's experience in each of the minimum requirements. The CV must include the names, full addresses, telephone number and email addresses of three referees of which at least one must be a direct Line Manager.

Please note that correspondence will be limited to short-listed candidates. The School reserves the right not to make an appointment.

Kindly note that the University of KwaZulu-Natal ("the University") is required to process any Personal Information (as defined by the Protection of Personal Act, 2013 "POPIA") submitted by candidates when applying for positions at the University. The provision of the Personal Information is a requirement in terms of the University's recruitment and selection process. The retention of any personal information is as a consequence of the University being bound by legislative requirements and/or good governance practices as well as record keeping for statistical purposes. The University will endeavor to ensure that the appropriate security measures are in place and implemented for both electronic and paper-based formats that are used for processing of the personal information recorded through this recruitment and selection process.