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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

**SENIOR TECHNICIAN (SOIL SCIENCE LABORATORY)
(PEROMNES GRADE 9)
(5 MONTH FIXED TERM)**

**SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE & SCIENCE
PIETERMARITZBURG CAMPUS**

REF NO.: SASc 06/2026

The incumbent will manage various teaching laboratories and service areas, and oversee the smooth delivery of the undergraduate practical's programme for the Discipline of Soil Science. S/he will assist with support for undergraduate and postgraduate research and conduct regular maintenance and support on relevant equipment including high-end analytical instrumentation. Further, s/he will maintain laboratory stocks and supplies and manage hazardous waste disposal. S/he will assist lecturers with all planning, preparation, resource allocation and maintenance of materials for practicals. S/he will be responsible for the supervision of laboratory assistants within the Discipline. **S/he will be expected to have hands on knowledge of Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry, LECO CNS Analyser and Discrete Analyser.**

The incumbent will report to the Manager: Technical Operations.

Minimum Requirements:

- A three-year tertiary qualification in Analytical Chemistry or other relevant field.
- Four years of relevant work experience in a Soil Science or other analytical laboratory.
- Proven experience in word processing and spreadsheets

Short-listed candidates will be required to undergo a skills test.

Enquiries and details regarding this post, as well as requests for a job profile may be directed to, 033 260 5503 or e-mail: singhra1@ukzn.ac.za.

Shortlisted candidates may be required to undergo a skills test. Please note that correspondence will be limited to short-listed candidates. The School of Agriculture & Science reserves the right not to make an appointment.

Appointment to this post will be in accordance with the University policy on fixed-term appointments.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 28 January 2026.

Applicants are required to submit a covering letter and their CV. The letter must provide details of the candidate's experience in the minimum requirements as listed above. Please e-mail applications to: Ms Philippa McCosh at mccoshp@ukzn.ac.za.

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 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 both electronic and paper-based formats that are used for processing of the personal information recorded through this recruitment and selection process.