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**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE**

**AD-HOC LECTURER (BIOCHEMISTRY)**

**SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND SCIENCE  
WESTVILLE CAMPUS**

**REFERENCE NO: SAScBS 11/2026**

The School of Agriculture and Science seeks to employ an *ad hoc* lecturer in Biochemistry to contribute partly in the teaching of two honours level modules (BIOC709W1 and BIOC711W1). When both of these modules will be offered in the first semester of the year, the **BIOC709W1** focuses the selected advance topics from the area of gene protocols and reporter gene assay techniques and **BIOC711W1** focuses the propagation and cryopreservation of mammalian cells including immortal cell lines including some selected cell-based assays. The teaching and assessment of all of the above-mentioned modules will be done in conjunction with and under the coordination of regular academics. The successful applicant will also be required to assist in conducting assessments, including tests, exams and practicals, for the relevant part of the modules in consultation with the Module Coordinators and technical staff. A strong background in Biochemistry is required in these important modules in the School of Agriculture and Science.

The incumbent must be available for face-to-face meetings with students, which will include practicals, student consultations as well as conducting online lectures and tutorials.

The incumbent will report to the Academic Leader: Teaching and learning.

**Minimum Requirements:**

- PhD degree in Biochemistry, or a relevant field OR MSc degree in Biochemistry, or a relevant field with evidence of submission of PhD thesis for examination.
- Relevant teaching experience at tertiary level, including the use of online teaching platforms.
- Evidence of presentations at national or international conferences.
- Current research activity as evidenced by publication(s) in quality scientific journals.

The appointment will be at standard University rates of pay on a per lecture/tutorial/practical basis.

Enquiries and details regarding the post may be directed to Prof Shahidul Islam, email: [islamd@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:islamd@ukzn.ac.za)

**The closing date for receipt of applications is 29<sup>th</sup> 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. Application documentation must be sent to Mrs Devashnee Chinniah, e-mail: [chinniahd@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:chinniahd@ukzn.ac.za)**

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

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