

The University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) is committed to meeting the objectives of Employment Equity to improve representivity within the Institution. Preference will be given to applicants from designated groups in accordance with our Employment Equity Plan.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

**LECTURER (1 POST)
6 MONTH FIXED TERM APPOINTMENT
(Feb – July 2026)**

**SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND SCIENCE
WESTVILLE CAMPUS**

REFERENCE NO: SAScBS 12/2026

The University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) is committed to employment equity, with the goal of developing a diverse and inclusive academic environment. Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for appointment as a fixed term contract **Lecturer in Biochemistry** for a period of six months in the School of Agriculture and Science, based at the Westville Campus.

The incumbent should be suitably qualified candidate in terms of teaching and research who will be responsible for teaching in the diverse areas of Biochemistry including but not limited to RNA Chemistry and Gene Expression (**BIOC307W1**) and Recombinant DNA Technology (**BIOC713W1**). Sharing teaching with other existing or appointed ad hoc lecturers for above-mentioned or other modules in Biochemistry may be necessary based on the actual teaching situation. The successful applicant will also be required not only to teach but also to coordinate and manage the module including but not limited to conducting assessments, including tests, exams and practicals, for the modules. Demonstrator and Teaching Assistant support are available for the module BIOC307W1 only as per school's prevailing policies. 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.

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

The closing date for receipt of applications is 29th 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

Please note that correspondence will be limited to short-listed candidates. The School of Agriculture & Science 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 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.