

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.

Applications are invited from all interested eligible applicants who have completed an MSc degree in Physics and are based in Durban. Preference will be given to candidates currently registered for a relevant PhD degree.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

TEACHING ASSISTANTS – PHYSICS (4 POSITIONS) AD HOC APPOINTMENTS, SEMESTER 1, 2026

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND SCIENCE DURBAN CENTRE

REFERENCE NO.: SASc PHYS4/2026

The Discipline of Physics, Durban Centre, seeks four Teaching Assistants for supervision of practicals and tutorials on the Howard College and Westville campuses, and one Teaching Assistant with a composite of duties: as assistant to the Head of Discipline, for PHYS110, and to lecture Hons computer methods. The successful candidate(s) will be required to, but may not be restricted to deliver online and or contact tutorials, practicals, assist with the facilitation of tests, and provide academic support to Physics undergraduate students. In addition, if need be, will assist in marking.

Minimum Requirements:

- MSc in Physics or related field;
- Either registered for a PhD in 2026 or PhD degree complete within the second semester of 2025;
- For the AL assistant/Hons computer methods position, expertise and experience teaching Honours-level Python, computational physics and machine learning, including capability to provide examples from space science relevant for NASSP students.

Remuneration will be at standard University rates on a per lecture/tutorial/practical basis, and will be dependent on the qualifications and/or experience of the successful applicant.

Enquiries and details regarding these positions may be directed to Prof. AP Matthews (matthewsa@ukzn.ac.za)

The closing date for receipt of applications is **02 February 2026**.

Applications must be submitted to **Mrs Yvonne Gengiah** via email, SCP.Recruit@ukzn.ac.za
Applicants are required to submit a cover letter and CV. The letter must provide details of the candidate's experience in each of the minimum requirements as listed above. The CV must include the names, full addresses and e-mail addresses of three referees.

Kindly quote the post reference number in the subject line of the application.

Note that correspondence will be limited to short-listed candidates.

The Discipline of Physics reserves the right not to appoint.

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. We refer you to the University's relevant Section 18 notice at http://vacancies.ukzn.ac.za/Libraries/General_Documents/Section_18_Note_-_Employees_and_Potential_Employees.sflb.ashx