

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

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

DURATION OF THE POST: 12 months

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

HOWARD COLLEGE CAMPUS

REF NO: CRH_PHC 001

The Centre for Research in Health Systems (CRH) invites applications for a post-doctoral fellow to join an NRF-funded project on strengthening Primary Health Care as part of the scope of work of the Pandemic Preparedness Thematic Centre 5 on Resilient Health Systems. The goal of this project is to strengthen the health system to better support Ward-Based Primary Health Care Outreach Teams (WBPHCOTs) in performing their functions of health promotion, risk screening and linkage to care at a household level across the life span.

Minimum Requirements:

- Doctoral degree in Public Health or a related field
- Experience in using a human centred design in the co-development of health system innovations
- Experience in training or capacity-building initiatives and public health programming
- Knowledge of the South African health system and policy environment
- South African citizenship/permanent residency
- Valid driver's licence and willingness to travel within KwaZulu-Natal

Advantages:

- Fluency in isiZulu
- Experience working in across disciplines and sectors
- Strong facilitation, mentoring, and communication skills
- Digital training and Microsoft Office proficiency

Stipend per annum: The stipend will be aligned with NRF and UKZN postdoctoral fellowship policies.

The post reports to Professor Inge Petersen and Associate Professor Zamasomi Luvuno.

Applicants are required to complete the relevant application form (support) which is available on the Vacancies website at www.ukzn.ac.za. The Advert Reference Number must be clearly stated in the subject line.

In addition, applicants should submit:

- A brief motivation letter
- A comprehensive CV
- Certified copies of qualifications (Bachelor's, Honours, Masters and PhD certificates)
- Certified copies of your ID
- Names and contact details of two referees

Completed forms may be sent to luvunoz@ukzn.ac.za by the closing date: 28th February 2026.

Candidates who do not fill in the application form with accompanying documents will not be considered. Applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements will not be considered. The University, however, reserves the right to accept late applications or to extend the above date in order to facilitate further searches. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Enquiries and details regarding this post may be directed to Assoc Prof Zamasomi Luvuno on email: luvunoz@ukzn.ac.za