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Applications are invited from permanent UKZN ACADEMIC staff members within the School of Law

**COLLEGE OF LAW & MANAGEMENT STUDIES
HEAD OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (1 POST)
(THREE-YEAR APPOINTMENT, 60% FRACTIONAL)
SCHOOL OF LAW**

REFERENCE NUMBER: LF05/2026

The School of Law seeks to appoint a senior scholar to head the Community Engagement portfolio in the School.

The incumbent for the Academic Leader Community Engagement position will be a permanent serving academic staff member in the School of Law. S/he will be responsible for providing academic leadership in civic engagement and forging partnerships with industry, governments, civic organisations, and research/academic organisations nationally and internationally. S/he will serve as a member of the School Management Committee.

The successful candidate will play a key role in embedding community engagement across research, teaching, and knowledge exchange, aligning priorities of the School with societal needs.

Minimum Requirements:

- A relevant Doctoral degree.
- At least two (2) years' experience with UKZN policies and processes.
- Associate Professor or above.
- Where there are no academic members of staff at the level of Associate Professor or above, candidates at the level of Senior Lecturer will be considered for a one (1)-year term with the approval of the College DVC.

APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE:

- Strong track record in community-engaged teaching, research, or leadership.
- A track record of achievement in scholarship appropriate to the rank of Associate Professor or Full Professor.
- Excellent communication and stakeholder engagement skills.

ADVANTAGE:

- Evidence of strategic leadership and partnership development.
- Evidence of involvement in community-engaged and community-based research and experience.
- Experience working across disciplines and sectors.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

- Lead and support engaged and participatory research with community partners.
- Lead the implementation of the Community Engagement Strategies of the School.
- Facilitate interdisciplinary research collaborations addressing societal challenges.
- Promote community-engaged and service-learning pedagogies across academic programmes.
- Contribute to national and international frameworks for research impact and public engagement.
- Promote a culture that values engaged scholarship, student partnership, and public good.
- Create and promote opportunities for students to act as partners, leaders, volunteers, and change-makers in community initiatives.
- Support student-led community projects, social enterprises, and civic action.

2. ADMINISTRATION

- Chair the Community Engagement Committee.
- Represent the School in external networks, partnerships, and community forums.
- Report to and serve as a member of the School Management Committee.
- Build and sustain strong partnerships with community organisations, public bodies, NGOs, and industry.

REMUNERATION: A non-pensionable allowance of R104 644pa will be payable.

Enquiries and details regarding this post, as well as requests for a job profile may be directed to the Dean and Head of School on MnyonganiF@ukzn.ac.za

Interested applicants are required to submit a letter of application & CV to **Ms Caroline Narsiah** (NarsiahC@ukzn.ac.za) by close of business on Monday, 23 February 2026.

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