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Applications are invited from PhD-registered postgraduate students within the School of Education.

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES

RESEARCH ASSISTANT (SCIENCE FOR THE FUTURE)

1 MARCH 2026 – 31 DECEMBER 2026

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

EDGEWOOD CAMPUS

Ref No.: RA-SC01/2026:

The “Science for the Future” initiative is a collaborative programme involving South African universities that aims to capacitate Mathematics and Science School Teachers with future-oriented scientific knowledge, innovative pedagogical approaches, and emerging technologies to enhance science teaching, learner engagement, and preparedness for the evolving scientific and technological landscape. This will contribute to South Africa’s long-term scientific and societal development.

The Research Assistant will support interdisciplinary research projects within the “Science for the Future” program and contribute to research, training support, and programme coordination, ensuring effective delivery and optimal impact of teacher development interventions. The incumbent will also provide logistical and administrative support to research projects and track project milestones, deliverables, and timelines, serving as the liaison between key stakeholders and contributing to Professional Development Workshops.

The incumbent will report to Professor Angela James.

Minimum Requirements:

- A relevant Masters degree
- Experience in research, education support, and teacher development programmes.
- Excellent organisational, communication, and interpersonal skills.

Enquiries and details regarding this post may be directed to Professor Angela James, email jamesa1@ukzn.ac.za.

The remuneration offered will be in accordance with the UKZN Fixed-Term Rates of Pay.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 25 February 2026.

Please e-mail applications to Mrs Anisha Aungadh, School of Education, Edgewood Campus. E-mail: AungadhA@ukzn.ac.za

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