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INTERNAL ADVERT:

This placement will be in line with the approved Guidelines applicable to all university staff who are appointed to university establishment and funded posts, and who are as a result of Project Renewal, having to be considered for placement in posts in the new university organisational structure, which are now fewer in number, or in some respects different to their original posts held in the previous organisational structure. Preference will be given to candidates who meet the minimum requirements and have the required competencies for the positions under consideration as per the applicable job profile.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

**RESEARCH COORDINATOR IN SORGHUM BREEDING AND SUGAR BEET AGRONOMY
INDEFINITE FIXED TERM APPOINTMENT
AFRICAN CENTRE FOR CROP IMPROVEMENT
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND SCIENCE
PIETERMARITZBURG CAMPUS**

REF NO.: UKZN_000765

The African Centre for Crop Improvement within the School of Agriculture and Science has a research coordinator position for specific projects in the area of sorghum breeding and sugar beet agronomy. The incumbent will be required to work closely with the project leaders in the Center to manage the project in its practical implementation; manage plant breeding and agronomic research in tunnels, fields and glasshouses at multiple research sites; and provide assistance in reporting to the funder on project progress.

The incumbent will report to the Director: African Centre for Crop Improvement.

Minimum Requirements:

- PhD or Master's Degree in Plant Breeding
- Five years of relevant work experience in the management of Plant Breeding or Plant Pathology projects
- Experience in the publication of scientific publications and technical report writing in the fields of plant breeding and genetics.
- Knowledge of genetic and experimental designs and techniques in sorghum breeding and agronomy.
- Experience in the use of statistical and genetic software.
- A valid driving license for manual-shift, light vehicles.

Enquiries and details regarding this post may be directed to Professor Hussein Shimelis via email at Shimelish@ukzn.ac.za

The appointment may be extended depending on continued funding from the external funder.

African Centre for Crop Improvement (ACCI) reserves the right not to fill the vacancy. To apply please click on the link:

<https://ukzn.ci.hr/applicant/index.php?controller=Listings&method=view&listingid=e79b8941-3c32-40e4-87a0-87e841c5188a> OR visit the career portal on <https://ukzn.ac.za/>

The closing date for receipt of application is Monday, 16 March 2026.

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: <https://hr.ukzn.ac.za/forms/>