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COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
RESEARCH ASSISTANT
DURATION OF THE POST: 4 months
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
HOWARD COLLEGE CAMPUS
REF NO.: WEATHER Health Fac /2026

The Discipline of Public Health Medicine invites applications for a suitably qualified health, environmental science, or public health professional to join the NIHR-funded WEATHER Project (Warning system for Extreme Weather events, Awareness Technology for Healthcare, Equitable delivery, and Resilience). The goal of this project is to develop, implement, and evaluate an Early Warning System intervention (EWS) as a local alert system for communities and government to detect extreme weather events and strengthen the health systems response.

Minimum Requirements:

- Matric
- Degree or Diploma in Public Health, Environmental Health, Environmental Science, or a related health science discipline
- Minimum of one-year of research or clinical experience in public health or primary healthcare settings
- Valid driver's licence and willingness to travel to field sites

Essential Requirements:

- Prior research experience in climate and health, or health systems strengthening
- Experience in community-based or participatory research
- Comfort working in both rural and urban settings
- Empathy, cultural sensitivity, and professionalism
- Ability to work independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team
- Familiarity with the South African public health sector
- Experience conducting interviews, surveys, or focus group discussions
- Strong communication skills in English and isiZulu
- Competency in using data collection platforms (e.g., REDCap)

The post reports to Professor Saloshni Naidoo and Professor Ozayr Mahomed.

Remuneration: The remuneration package offered will be in line with university salary scales and dependent on the qualifications and experience of the successful applicant.

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, and relevant certificates)
- Certified copies of your ID

- Names and contact details of two referees

Completed forms may be sent to Nadesanreddy@ukzn.ac.za by the closing date: 19th March 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 Dr Nadesan-Reddy on email: Nadesanreddy@ukzn.ac.za.