

THE UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL (UKZN) IS COMMITTED TO EMPLOYMENT EQUITY WITH THE INTENTION TO PROMOTE REPRESENTIVITY WITHIN THE INSTITUTION. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO APPLICANTS FROM THE DESIGNATED GROUPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR EMPLOYMENT EQUITY PLAN.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

**HORTICULTURAL ASSISTANT (GRADE 14)
FIXED-TERM APPOINTMENT (7 MONTHS)
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND SCIENCE
DISCIPLINE OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
PIETERMARITZBURG CAMPUS**

REF NO.: SAScBS 16/2026

The School of Agricultural and Science seeks to appoint a Fixed-Term garden assistant to support the Senior Technician in the UKZN Botanical Garden. S/he will be responsible for mowing, trimming, weeding the garden and watering research plants in the greenhouses. S/he will monitor for pests and diseases and spray accordingly. S/he will be responsible for the production of compost and will assist researchers will filling pots for trials. S/he will assist with the development of the garden which includes digging and moving rock and soil and planting a variety pf plants. S/he ensures that the garden is in excellent condition by performing regular checks on all areas. S/he will be required to perform any other duties as determined by management with regard to the operational needs of the school.

The prospective incumbent will report to the Senior Technician in charge of the Botanical Gardens.

Minimum Requirements:

- Matric
- One-year relevant work experience in a large Institutional or Botanical Garden environment, including greenhouses/shade houses

Enquiries and details regarding this post, as well as requests for a job profile, may be directed to clarkm@ukzn.ac.za.

The remuneration will be in line with the UKZN fixed-term appointment rates.

The closing date for receipt of applications is **24th April 2026**

Applicants are required to submit a covering letter and their CV to Mrs Tanya Karalic, email karalict@ukzn.ac.za. The letter must provide details of the candidate's experience in the minimum requirements. The CV must include the names, full addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three referees.

Please note that correspondence will be limited to short-listed candidates. The School reserves the right not to make an appointment.

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 provision of the Personal Information is a requirement in terms of the University's recruitment and selection process. The retention of any personal information is as a consequence of the University being bound by legislative requirements and/or good governance practices as well as record keeping for statistical purposes. The University will endeavor 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.