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**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE**

**SENIOR TECHNICIAN (MARINE) – SEVEN (07) MONTHS FIXED TERM (PEROMNES GRADE 9)**

**SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND SCIENCE  
DISCIPLINE OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES – WESTVILLE CAMPUS**

**REFERENCE NO : SAScBS 17/2026**

The School of Agriculture and Science, a well-established institution with a robust research profile that accommodates a significant number of undergraduate and postgraduate students, seeks to appoint a Senior Technician (Marine) who will contribute substantially to the teaching and research programs in Marine Biology at the Westville Campus. The ideal candidate will possess practical experience in the operation of research vessels and small crafts, as well as proficiency with scientific equipment. The individual will be responsible for setting up aquaria, maintaining and managing the Marine Science unit, and demonstrating a comprehensive understanding of both the theoretical and practical components of the Marine Biology modules offered by the School.

Responsibilities will encompass all aspects of teaching undergraduate practical sessions, providing research support in Marine Biology, including laboratory and equipment maintenance, and the collection of marine specimens and materials. Additionally, the candidate will be tasked with setting up and facilitating training for postgraduate students on the relevant equipment, conducting experiments, and ensuring laboratory safety and cleanliness. The appointee will supervise laboratory staff and will undertake administrative functions and other responsibilities as assigned by management, in alignment with the operational needs of the section.

The incumbent will report to the Manager: Technical Operations.

**Minimum Requirements:**

- A three-year relevant qualification in Marine Biology.
- Four years' relevant work experience in a Marine Biology laboratory.
- Skipper's license. The incumbent must be physically able to launch, handle and retrieve boats.

The appointment will be at standard University rates.

Enquiries and details regarding this post, may be directed to Ms Lindiwe Shange, 031-260 1178 or email shangel3@ukzn.ac.za.

**The closing date for receipt of applications is 04th May 2026.**

**Applicants are required to submit a covering letter and their CV. The letter must provide details of the candidate's experience in the minimum requirements as listed above. The CV must include the names, full addresses, fax numbers and e-mail addresses of three referees. Application documentation must be sent to Mrs Devashnee Chinniah, e-mail: [chinniahd@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:chinniahd@ukzn.ac.za)**

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

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