

The University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) is committed to meeting the objectives of Employment Equity to improve representativeness within the Institution. Preference will be given to applicants from designated groups in accordance with our Employment Equity Plan.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

FIELDWORKERS: 6 posts

DURATION OF THE POST: 3,5 MONTHS

STUDY SITES: Umlazi Surveillance Initiative to Nurture Grassroots Action (USINGA) Health and Demographic Surveillance Site WARDS 79, 82 and 88

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

HOWARD COLLEGE CAMPUS

REF NO.: CEARTH FW/2026

The C-EARTH (Centre for Effective and Accessible Research-based Testing for Health) project is an NIH-funded climate and health research programme implemented through the USINGA Health and Demographic Surveillance Site in Umlazi. The study focuses on heat exposure, health, and household adaptation, including a cohort of 1 000 households and a pilot of passive cooling solutions. We are inviting applications for eight fieldworkers to support community-based data collection in wards 79, 82 and 88.

Fieldworkers will play a key role in conducting household surveys, anthropometric measurements, and other study procedures, and in engaging respectfully with community members to ensure high-quality data collection.

Minimum requirements

- Matric certificate (Grade 12)
- At least 6 months of fieldwork experience, preferably in community-based research or data collection
- Fluency in isiZulu and English (spoken and written)

Essential requirements

- Residence in Umlazi USINGA area (wards 79, 82 or 88): applicants must submit a letter stamped and signed by their ward councillor confirming residence in the USINGA study area.
- Experience administering surveys, using electronic data collection tools (e.g. tablets, REDCap or similar) and basic troubleshooting.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, and demonstrated ability to work respectfully with households and community structures.
- Understanding of ethical research practices, confidentiality, and informed consent.

Remuneration

The remuneration package offered will be in line with university salary scales and will depend on the qualifications and experience of the successful applicant(s).

The post reports to the Fieldwork Manager and the South African C-EARTH site team under the leadership of Prof. Saloshni Naidoo.

Application process

Applicants are required to submit:

- A completed UKZN application form (available on the Vacancies website at www.ukzn.ac.za)
- A 2-page CV (maximum).
- A certified copy of their ID.
- A ward councillor confirmation of residence letter (stamped) for Umlazi ward 79, 82 or 88.

The Advert Reference Number must be clearly stated in the email subject line. Completed applications must be sent to Mr Themba Manqele at mangeleT@ukzn.ac.za by Friday , 15 May 2026.

Candidates who do not submit a completed application form and the required supporting documents will not be considered. Applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements will not be considered.

The University 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. Should you not hear back from the team within four weeks of your application being received, please assume that your application was unsuccessful.

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