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COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

FIELDWORK MANAGER: 1 post

DURATION OF THE POST: 6 MONTHS (FIXED TERM)

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 FWM/2026

The C-EARTH (Centre for Effective and Accessible Research-based Testing for Health) project is an NIH Fogarty-funded planning and research coordination network that builds and tests community-driven climate and health solutions across sites in Boston, Madagascar and South Africa. The South African site, based at UKZN and implemented through the USINGA HDSS in Umlazi, focuses on heat exposure, health outcomes, and passive cooling interventions in peri-urban households. We invite suitably qualified candidates to apply for the position of Fieldwork Manager for the Umlazi site.

Minimum requirements

- A Masters degree in population studies, public health, or a closely related field.
- At least 1 year of experience managing or supervising fieldwork in health or social science research settings.
- Experience in both quantitative and qualitative community-based data collection.
- Fluency in isiZulu and English (spoken and written).

Essential requirements

- Demonstrated experience coordinating field teams, including recruitment, training, and supervision.
- Strong leadership, organisational and conflict-resolution skills, and the ability to work independently and under pressure.
- Familiarity with mobile data collection tools (e.g. REDCap, tablets, electronic survey tools) and basic troubleshooting.
- Understanding of research ethics, informed consent procedures, POPIA requirements, and community engagement in research.
- A valid driver's licence and willingness to travel within Umlazi and the broader eThekweni area as required.
- Willingness to work flexible hours, including early mornings, evenings or weekends if needed to meet project timelines.

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.

The post reports to Prof. Saloshni Naidoo (Site Principal Investigator) and the C-EARTH South Africa leadership team.

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.

The Advert Reference Number must be clearly stated in the email subject line.

Completed applications must be sent to Mr Themba Manqele at manqelet@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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