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COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES

MASTERS RESEARCH ASSISTANTS (TWO POSTS)

ONE YEAR FIXED-TERM APPOINTMENT (RENEWABLE BASED ON FUNDS)

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING (SARCHi Chair for Inclusive Cities)

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, HOWARD COLLEGE CAMPUS

REF: SARCHi-Inclusive:02/ 2026

The Sachi chair for Inclusive Cities in the School Social Sciences is seeking for two highly motivated master's Research Assistants. These successful candidates will contribute to the ongoing research activities focused on gender inclusion, migrants' inclusion, disability inclusion, and climate change as it relates to planning within our cities, among other research focus areas of the Chair. The research assistants will work under the day-to-day supervision of the SARCHi Chair for Inclusive Cities (Prof. Hope H. Magidimisha-Chipungu) assisting with research relevant to the Chair.

The incumbents will further support the Chair with data collection, data analysis, report writing, and presentations under supervision where necessary. The candidates are expected to collaborate with any relevant department/stakeholder working with the Chair and be able to adjust and contribute to a multidisciplinary team of researchers working with the Chair. They will be expected to recruit research participants and provide logistical support to the researchers and post-docs within the Chair. The research assistants will assist in any relevant tasks as and when required by their supervisor.

Minimum Requirements

- A master's degree in Town and Regional Planning.
- Must be currently registered for a PhD in Town and Regional Planning or a related field.
- South African Citizen or Permanent Resident.
- In the process of completing Masters in Town and Regional Planning.
- Minimum 1 to 2 years of work experience in research.

- Applicant must display interest in research related to inclusive cities, and climate change as it relates to planning within our cities.
- Demonstrated ability to work in multi-disciplinary teams.
- Report writing skills such as desktop reports/feasibility studies and others.
- Travelling experience in conveying site inspections and community engagements.
- Advantage if able to speak KZN languages fluently (English and Zulu).

Enquiries and details regarding this post may be directed to Prof Magidimisha at (MAGIDIMISHAH@ukzn.ac.za)

The closing date for receipt of applications is 05th June 2026 Please send the applications to Ms. Gevina at Matebherem@ukzn.ac.za.

Applicants are required to submit the following: (1) Curriculum Vitae; (2) letter of application/motivation outlining how the applicant meets the requirements.

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