

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 15)  
FIXED-TERM APPOINTMENT (6 MONTHS)  
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND SCIENCE  
PIETERMARITZBURG CAMPUS**

**REF NO.: SAScBS 32/2026**

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 be responsible for assisting with the production of compost and with 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 of 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 to meet 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/shadehouses

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

The remuneration will be in line with the **UKZN fixed-term** appointment rates. The university reserves the right not to make an appointment.

The closing date for receipt of applications is **12 June 2026**

Applicants are required to submit a covering letter and their CV to Mrs Tanya Karalic, email [karalict@ukzn.ac.za](mailto: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.