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COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS (2 POSTS)

FIXED-TERM APPOINTMENT: 13 AUGUST 2026 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

CAMPUS: HOWARD COLLEGE, EDGEWOOD AND PIETERMARITZBURG CAMPUSES

REF. NO. PSY/R-01/2026

The School of Social Sciences is seeking to appoint two highly motivated Honours or Master's students to assist with data collection for an ongoing study examining mental health, resilience, and academic performance among UKZN undergraduate students. Data collection will take place across the Howard College, Edgewood, and Pietermaritzburg campuses.

The Research Assistants will work under the day-to-day supervision of Dr Tracy Zhandire, assisting primarily with data collection and, where needed, basic data management and logistical support. This is a part-time position with flexible hours, and working times can be arranged around the candidate's study schedule. Data collection is scheduled to commence on 13 August and conclude on 30 September 2026.

The incumbent will report to Dr Tracy Zhandire.

Minimum Requirements:

- Currently registered for an Honours or Master's degree in the College of Humanities (any discipline).
- South African citizen or permanent resident.
- Genuine interest in research, particularly survey/questionnaire-based data collection.
- Reliable, organised, and comfortable engaging with student participants.
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a small research team.
- Willingness and ability to travel between the Howard College, Edgewood, and Pietermaritzburg campuses as required. Transport is catered for.
- An advantage if able to speak KZN languages fluently (English and isiZulu).

REMUNERATION: R157 per hour, in accordance with the UKZN REMCO-approved rate for Master's student assistants (Scale A9).

Enquiries and details regarding this post may be directed to Dr Tracy Zhandire at ZhandireT@ukzn.ac.za

The closing date for receipt of applications is **31 July 2026**. Please send applications to Dr T. Zhandire at ZhandireT@ukzn.ac.za

Applicants are required to submit a covering letter and CV. The letter must provide details of the candidate's fulfilment of each of the minimum requirements listed above.

The School and the University reserve the right not to appoint and/or to stop the recruitment process at any stage.

Kindly note that the University of KwaZulu-Natal ("the University") is required to process any Personal Information (as defined by the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 "POPIA") submitted by candidates when applying for positions at the University. The University will endeavour to ensure that appropriate security measures are in place and implemented for both electronic and paper-based formats used for processing the personal information recorded through this recruitment and selection process. We refer you to the University's relevant Section 18 notice at <https://hr.ukzn.ac.za/forms/>.