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**COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

**RESEARCH TECHNICIAN  
(12-MONTH FIXED TERM)  
PEROMNES 10  
HIV PATHOGENESIS PROGRAMME (HPP)  
SCHOOL OF LABORATORY MEDICINE AND MEDICAL SCIENCES  
NELSON R MANDELA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
Ref: HPP/Research Technician/ IAVI/ Dec 2022**

The HIV Pathogenesis Programme (HPP) has a **Research Technician** position available. The incumbent will be required to be highly motivated, meticulous and hard-working and be able to work independently. The incumbent will report to the Laboratory Manager / Researcher.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

- Relevant BSc degree in a biomedical field
- Minimum two year's work experience in a biomedical research laboratory
- Experience working with human samples
- Experience with general molecular biology techniques, such as DNA/RNA extraction, PCR, cloning, sequencing, sequence analysis
- Experience with tissue culture techniques
- Good computer literacy (Microsoft Office)

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Maintenance of cell lines for experiments
- Equipment maintenance
- SOP review and writing
- Assist with Health and Safety checks, and evacuation drills of the laboratory, as required
- Training of postgraduate students and new technicians in laboratory techniques
- General housekeeping and temperature monitoring of equipment
- Must be prepared to work after hours and on weekends, when required.
- Participate in the department's various academic activities - journal club, research update, lab meetings, quality improvement meetings and audits, etc.

Enquiries regarding this post and requests for the job profile may be directed to Mrs Tarryn Tomlinson (Grants & Administration Manager), [leslie@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:leslie@ukzn.ac.za) .

**Terms of appointment and Selection Process**

The post will be offered on a one-year, fixed term contract. The terms and conditions governing this appointment will be in compliance with those of the University of KwaZulu-Natal. The position is potentially renewable, depending on availability of funds. The monthly cost of employment for this position will be **R17,000 – R20,000**, dependent on the experience of the successful candidate.

The closing date for receipt of applications is **Sunday, 1 January 2023**. The University, however, reserves the right in special circumstances to accept late applications or to extend the above date in order to facilitate further searches. The selection process will commence in January 2023 and will continue until suitable candidates are appointed or a decision is taken not to fill the posts.

Applicants are required to complete the application form for support staff which is available on the [UKZN vacancies webpage](#), demonstrating specifically how they meet the minimum requirements for the position. Candidates must meet ALL the minimum requirements to be considered for the position. Completed forms (preferably typed) must be emailed to Mrs. Tarryn Tomlinson at [leslie@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:leslie@ukzn.ac.za) **CVs will NOT be accepted or considered**. Please quote the advert reference number - HPP/Research Technician/ IAVI/ Dec 2022 - in your subject line and name your application as your full name and surname, e.g. MARY GREEN.