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Applicants are invited from the designated groups**

DIVISION OF RESEARCH

**UKZN INQUBATE
PLANT BREEDING MSc PROGRAM FOR AFRICA
RESEARCH ASSISTANT
(1 YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT)**

**(PERONOMES: GRADE 12)
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE, EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
PIETERMARITZBURG BASED
REF NO: ROP03/2015**

The successful incumbent will assist the Principal Investigator (PI) in implementing maize breeding research projects. The activities include driving and providing link between field operations in plant breeding trials and nurseries at many research stations across KZN. Providing logistical support to postgraduate students with projects that overlap with the maize research program. Attending regular technicians meetings, and safety and security meetings at Ukulinga Farm. Maintaining the register to equipment and all field input stocks. Supervising labour in field operations (such as planting, weed, harvesting and pest control) at off-stations research sites. Capturing field data, trial records and maintaining electronic staff register and hardcopy. Any other duties relating to maize breeding research as delegated by the PI.

Minimum requirements:

- Matric;
- 2 - 3 years' experience working in a maize breeding environment;
- Valid motor vehicle driving license;
- Computer literacy – MS word and excel;
- Communication in English and IsiZulu languages;
- Experience in field data collection and capture;
- Knowledge of maize pollination and field trial protocol

Advantage:

- First aid training;
- Willing to travel off-station and to work on weekends or public holidays.

The remuneration package offered, which is exclusive of benefits.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 27 February 2015.

Applicants are required to complete the relevant application form which is obtainable on the Vacancies page of the University website at www.ukzn.ac.za

Completed forms may be sent to Ms Makhosi Cebekhulu @ cebekhulu1@ukzn.ac.za

Advert Reference Number MUST be clearly stated in the subject line.