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**COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT  
(12-MONTH FIXED TERM)  
SCHOOL OF LABORATORY MEDICINE AND MEDICAL SCIENCES  
NELSON R MANDELA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
HIV PATHOGENESIS PROGRAMME (HPP)**

**Ref: HPP/RES ASSISTANT FLOW/FEB2022**

The HIV Pathogenesis Programme (HPP) is a multidisciplinary HIV pathogenesis research programme based at the University of KwaZulu-Natal's Nelson Mandela School of Medicine in Durban. The HPP has been involved in studies of HIV-1 immunopathogenesis for over 15 years.

The HPP needs to fill a **Research Assistant** position. The incumbent will be required to be highly motivated, organized, meticulous, and hard-working, and be able to work independently. The incumbent will report to the Laboratory Manager.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

- Relevant BSc (Honours) degree, or equivalent
- Minimum one year experience in a biomedical research laboratory (exclusive of time spent in a lab towards completion of an Honours degree)
- Familiarity with biomedical research laboratory procedures and safety requirements
- Experience working with human samples

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Manage flow cytometry equipment according to established standard operating procedures
- Co-ordinate and facilitate training of colleagues and students on flow cytometry techniques
- Inventory keeping and ordering of reagents
- Processing of HIV positive blood samples
- Develop and processing of immunological assays
- General laboratory housekeeping
- Participate in various academic activities – journal club, training programmes, seminars, lab meetings and quality improvement meetings.

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) .

The closing date for receipt of applications is **Sunday, 6 March 2022**. 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 **March 2022** 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](#). 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/RES ASSISTANT FLOW/FEB2022 - in your subject line.