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COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

RESEARCH TECHNOLOGISTS (x 5)
(12-MONTH FIXED TERM)

HIV PATHOGENESIS PROGRAMME (HPP)
SCHOOL OF LABORATORY MEDICINE AND MEDICAL SCIENCES
NELSON R MANDELA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Ref: HPP/RESEARCH TECH/CORE/JAN2024

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 five **Research Technologist** positions. The incumbents will be required to be highly motivated, organized, meticulous, and hard-working, and be able to work independently. The incumbents will report to the Laboratory Manager.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Relevant BSc (Honours) degree, or equivalent, in a biomedical field
- Minimum 2 years' 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

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Undertake general sample processing of HIV positive samples
- Processing, freezing and cataloguing of cells
- Preparation of reagents
- Monitoring and maintenance of equipment
- Waste management
- General laboratory housekeeping
- Participation in the department's various academic activities - journal club, research update, lab meetings, quality improvement meetings and audits, etc
- Must be prepared to work after hours and on weekends, when required.

Enquiries regarding this post and requests for the job profile may be directed to Mrs Tarryn Tomlinson (Grants & Administration Manager), 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 monthly cost of employment for this position will be **R17,000 – R17,500**, dependent on the experience of the successful candidate.

The closing date for receipt of applications is **Sunday, 4 February 2024**. 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 **February 2024** and will continue until suitable candidates are appointed or a decision is taken not to fill the posts.

Applicants are required to complete the relevant application form for support staff which is available on the [UKZN vacancies webpage](#), **demonstrating specifically how they meet the minimum requirements for the position**. Completed forms (preferably typed) must be emailed to Mrs. Tarryn Tomlinson at leslie@ukzn.ac.za . **CVs will NOT be accepted or considered**. Please quote the advert reference number - **HPP/RESEARCH TECH/CORE/JAN2024** - in your subject line and name your application as your full name and surname, e.g. MARY GREEN.