**The University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) is committed to meeting the objectives of Employment Equity to improve representivity within the Institution.**

**FIXED TERM CONTRACT: 2 YEARS**

**RESEARCH DIVISION**

**INNOVATION OFFICER: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

**INQUBATE**

**(PEROMNES GRADE 9)**

**HOWARD COLLEGE**

**REF NO.: RO07/2017**

The Innovation Officer will support UKZN InQubate in coordinating, analysing and administrating the university’s intellectual property (IP) portfolio, in order to inform the need for protection of the IP and to comply with the requirements of the National Intellectual Property Management Office (NIPMO). In addition, the incumbent will assess the commercialisation potential of the IP and will draft commercialisation strategies in respect of select IP. S/he will coordinate and administrate funding opportunities in respect of the university IP on behalf of the university’s researcher, and will monitor the progress of funded projects in order to ensure compliance with external funders’ requirements. The incumbent will be actively involved in building awareness and an understanding of intellectual property, commercialisation and technology transfer at the university in order to promote the objects of UKZN InQubate.

**Minimum Requirements**:

* BSc Honours in Engineering or Science or other suitable technical qualification;
* One (1) year’ work experience.

**Advantages:**

* An understanding of intellectual property, commercialisation and technology transfer;
* Experience in project management, entrepreneurship, intellectual property, innovation management, business development and/or technology transfer;
* Qualification or other certification in project management, entrepreneurship and/or technology transfer.

**The total remuneration package offered includes benefits.**

**The closing date for receipt of applications is 27th July 2017.**

**Applicants are required to complete the official application form (“application form – support”) which is available on the Vacancies website at** [**www.ukzn.ac.za**](http://www.ukzn.ac.za)**.**

**Completed forms may be sent to recruitment-jm****@ukzn.ac.za****.**

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