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COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS (2 POSTS)
DSI-NRF CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS
WESTVILLE CAMPUS

REFERENCE NO.: CIKS_CA2

Duration: 6 Month Fixed Term Contract (with possibility of renewal)

Research Assistant opportunities are available to support a research project on: *Establishing A Traditional Medicine Pharmaceutical Value Chain Hub in eThekwini District Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal Province, South Africa*, managed by the DSI - NRF Centre of Excellence in Indigenous Knowledge Systems, at UKZN. The project involves, among other aspects (i) Identification and Mapping of the unique bio-cultural resource diversity including associated indigenous knowledge systems and local institutions/ stakeholders; (ii) Develop comprehensive database of stakeholders in public and private sector including grassroots innovators in bio- cultural resources, willing to mobilize and invest resources in the project initiative; and (iii) Facilitate collaboration with THPs, nature conservation reserves and education institutions within and outside the District Municipality in Multi-and disciplinary research, development and capacity building programmes as part of *Traditional Medicine Pharmaceutical Value Chain Hub.*   This is meant to mobilize, promote and facilitate the active participation of local communities including THPs and community-based knowledge systems, in the development of the Open Spaces in eThekwini District Municipality for urban conservation, building capacity for active citizenry in the green economy and establishing Traditional Medicine Pharmaceutical Value Chain Hub. This is a multi-and transdisciplinary and culturally sensitive continental IKS pilot project, in eThekwini Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal Province, requiring knowledge and skills in both qualitative and quantitative research, including fluency in the indigenous language (IsiZulu).

Minimum Requirements:
* Masters Degree in Life Sciences (knowledge and skills in Traditional Medicine and Healing Systems, Biodiversity and Environmental Management, Indigenous Knowledge Systems-based or Community Research Methodologies would be advantageous);
* Fluency in both English & IsiZulu (Research project is located in rural communities in KwaZulu-Natal Province);

- Competency in Information Technology skills relating to Research and Science Communication, including
  - Proficiency in Ms Word & Excel;
  - Content management systems;
  - Data analysis and visualisation (including SPSS and other statistical packages). Any other software package competency will be an advantage;
- A driving licence will be advantageous;
- PhD will be advantageous

Enquiries and details regarding the post may be directed to Dr. Mayashree Chinsamy, email: Chinsamym@ukzn.ac.za.

The remuneration will be at UKZN standard rates for research assistance.
The closing date for receipt of applications is 15 July 2022.

Applicants are required to submit:
  (i) a detailed CV;
  (ii) covering letter highlighting their experience in meeting the minimum requirements as listed above,
  (iii) graduation certificate / proof of submission / degree complete; proof of competency in Information Technology skills
  (iv) contact details of two individuals which can be contacted for a reference.
  (v) Application form, clearly indicating the reference number applied for, must be emailed to Chinsamym@ukzn.ac.za **before the closing date. Late applications will not be considered. Successful individuals can expect to be contacted on or before 29 July 2022. An online interview will take place.**

The University reserves the right not to make an appointment to this advertisement.

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