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**COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

 **PROJECT MANAGER (ONE-YEAR CONTRACT, RENEWABLE)**

**SCHOOL OF NURSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

**CENTRE FOR RURAL HEALTH**

**HOWARD COLLEGE CAMPUS**

**REFERENCE NO.: CRH/AND002**

**ARISE NETWORK PROJECTS**

The Africa Research, Implementation Science, and Education (ARISE) Network Projects are based at the Centre for Rural Health (CRH) within the School of Nursing and Public Health at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN). The ARISE Network is a multi-country research network focusing on adolescent health. Eight health and demographic surveillance systems (HDSS) sites in seven sub-Saharan African countries (South Africa, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Uganda) contribute data and participate in collaborative multi-country research projects led by ARISE Network researchers. The Umlazi Surveillance Initiative to Nurture Grassroots Action (USINGA) HDSS is the South African ARISE Network site located in Umlazi Township, situated south of Durban.

The ARISE Network in collaboration with the University of Heidelberg and Technical University of Munich in Germany and Harvard University in the USA has two new projects: **Reducing Nutrition-Related Noncommunicable Diseases in Adolescence and Youth: Interventions and Policies to Boost Nutrition Fluency and Diet Quality in Africa (NUTRINT)**, the EU Horizon funded project, which aims to reduce diets and nutrition and physical activity-related risks of NCDs among adolescents in in Sub-Saharan Africa and the **Research Network For Design And Evaluation Of Adolescent Health Interventions And Policies In Sub-Saharan Africa (DASH)**, the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ) funded project, which aims to design and evaluate adolescent health interventions and policies in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The UKZN School of Nursing and Public Health, in collaboration with ARISE Network, is seeking to employ 1 person to fill the position of a project manager for NUTRINT and DASH projects. The Research Project Manager will work as part of a multi-disciplinary team to manage project activities and liaise with project partners.

**Minimum Requirements:**

⦁ A relevant PhD degree in Public Health/ Epidemiology or similar

⦁ Relevant experience of at least 5 years must include:

 • Research experience in Public Health/ Epidemiology or similar in South Africa

* Experience in working with multiple partners
* Experience in working with international funders

 • Experience in managing large-scale research projects, including supervising data collection

* Ability to work independently
* Problem solving ability
* Proficiency in English
* Good organizational skills
* Good communication and interpersonal skills
* Ability to demonstrate initiative at all times
* Attention to detail
* Ability to work under pressure with tight deadlines

**Advantages:**

* Fluency in IsiZulu language
* Knowledge of Umlazi Township

**Duties**

* Work closely with the project coordinator to ensure data collection is conducted in an ethical manner
* Liaise with USINGA HDSS management to ensure smooth running of the projects
* Work closely with the PIs to write and submit technical reports as required by the funders and collaborators
* Work with project coordinator to manage project staff leave
* Attend collaborators’ meetings and provide feedback on the UKZN site
* Identify training gaps for the project team and organise relevant training
* Maintain positive relationships with relevant stakeholders including MUT and HDSS communities
* Provide the PIs with regular feedback on project developments

This position is full-time and reports to the ARISE Principal Investigator. Enquiries regarding this post, may be directed to Ms. Bavashni Govender at 031-260 4500 or email: crh@ukzn.ac.za

**The total package offered includes benefits.**

**The closing date for receipt of applications is 09 April 2024. The University, however, reserves the right in special circumstances to accept late applications or extend the above date to facilitate further searches.**

**Applicants are required to complete the relevant application form which is available on the Vacancies website at www.ukzn.ac.za.**

**Completed forms must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae formatted to include each minimum requirement as stated in the advertisement, together with supporting documents where applicable, and a cover letter and must be sent to Ms. Bavashni Govender at 031-260 4500 or by E-mail address crh@ukzn.ac.za. Please quote CRH / AND002 as a reference in your subject line.**