

The Africa Centre for Health and Population Studies is a joint initiative of the University of KwaZulu-Natal and the South African Medical Research Council, with support from the Wellcome Trust and other funders, to create a global centre of research excellence in a rural area. The Centre's mission is to conduct in partnership with the community, policy-relevant health and population research in an ethical manner, and to enhance the capacity of the people of sub-Saharan Africa to conduct research.

The Centre is located in the rural Umkhanyakude District of KwaZulu-Natal and has its laboratory, The Africa Centre Virology Lab (ACVL) in Durban at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. The ACVL is seeking to recruit a Research Assistant on a 2 Year Fixed Term appointment.

Broadly, the incumbent will be responsible for specimen reception, processing and performing testing. Specifically the incumbent will support senior lab staff by maintaining the specimen repository, assisting with lab testing (ELISA, HIV Viral Load and sequencing) and maintaining general good housekeeping and GCLP practices. The incumbent will assist with quality assurance; participate in training, seminars and lab activities to ensure efficiency and productivity in the laboratory.

**The qualifications and experience *required* for this post are:**

- Master's degree in Medical Science, Molecular Biology, Genetics or Virology
- Minimum 2 years' experience in a biomedical laboratory, post Master's degree
- Experience molecular techniques/assays, Sequencing experience and sequence analysis
- Computer literacy (windows, MS-office)
- GCLP training
- Familiarity with biomedical research lab procedures and safety requirements

**Enquiries should be directed to the Lab Manager: Ms P. Padayachee on +27(0) 31 260 4654 or email [ppadayachee@afriacentre.ac.za](mailto:ppadayachee@afriacentre.ac.za). The remuneration offered will be as per Africa Centre salary scales coupled with qualifications and experience of the successful candidate. The process of selection will commence on the 25 May 2015 and will cease only after the vacancy has been filled or a decision is taken not to fill the post. Applicants are required to submit curriculum vitae with certified copies of qualification and details of three (3) contactable referees to: The Human Resources Officer, Africa Centre, Box 198, Mtubatuba 3935 or email to [acemployment@afriacentre.ac.za](mailto:acemployment@afriacentre.ac.za). Faxed, late and incomplete applications will not be considered. Correspondence will only be entered into with shortlisted candidates. Africa Centre reserves the right not to make any appointment/s.**