

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

Preference will be given to applicants from designated groups in accordance with our Employment Equity Plan.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

SCIENTIFIC WRITER (3-MONTH FIXED-TERM, PART-TIME)

COLLEGE RESEARCH OFFICE

REF NO.: T/CHS10/2022

The incumbent is responsible for freelance scientific/public health writing services to academic staff in the College of Health Sciences. The incumbent will engage the academics and help complete/edit draft manuscripts; will provide technical and administrative support including assistance with proposal development and scientific writing workshops. To regularly co-facilitate in proposal development workshops for both staff, postgraduate/postdoctoral students with the College Dean of Research.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- A relevant PhD degree in Health Sciences/Science;
- A minimum of 2 years of experience in grant and manuscript writing;
- Evidence of success in writing for the general public about science or technology would be considered favourable;
- Three years' relevant experience in an active Research Environment AND
- A minimum of 6 published scientific manuscripts in ISI rated journals.

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Significant work-related writing experience in an academic, research, or medical field/discipline;
- Ability to translate complex scientific ideas into lively prose and persuasive fund-raising materials that convey the significance and potential impact of research to the public;
- Extensive knowledge of University Operations, use and application of electronic databases, statistics, use of spread sheets; Highly proficient computer skills and literacy;
- Extensive knowledge of writing skills, academic editing and proof reading;
- Superior command of written English including technical matters of composition such as grammar, syntax, punctuation etc.;
- Knowledge of regulations governing human/animal research;
- Experience working with databases, Excel, Word, and statistical modelling packages;
- Enthusiasm for and understanding of biomedical research;
- Ability to define complex scientific concepts and words;
- Able to express ideas that effectively communicate case, vision, or need to multiple audiences. Audiences may range from the general public to individual donors, from professionally staffed foundations to potential corporate sponsors;
- Excellent investigative skills and the ability to navigate through a complex organization;

- Ability to work on multiple projects simultaneously and to meet deadlines AND
- Able to work smoothly with others, elicit cooperation and contribute to a group effort toward achieving department goals.

The post will report to Professor AA Chuturgoon. Enquiries may be directed to Ms Phumi Sibanyoni (031260 3841; email: Sibanyonip@ukzn.ac.za). Applicants are encouraged to review the job profile prior to applying. The Job profile is available from Mrs Sbongile Msomi (Senior HR consultant) at e-mail: msomis4@ukzn.ac.za You are invited to visit the College website at <http://chs.ukzn.ac.za/Homepage.aspx>

The remunerative rate will be made in line with the prevailing fixed-term rates.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 1 June 2022.

The University reserves the right not to make an appointment. To apply please complete the relevant application form (support form) which is available on the vacancies website at www.ukzn.ac.za and email to Sibanyonip@ukzn.ac.za with the Advert Reference Number clearly stated in the subject line.