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COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

**RESEARCHER (1-YEAR CONTRACT)
CENTRE FOR RURAL HEALTH
SCHOOL OF NURSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

REFERENCE: ASENZE CRH 10

ASENZE PROJECT

Asenze is a Research Project based at the Centre for Rural Health within the School of Nursing and Public Health at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. This study is conducted in collaboration with the University of Columbia and is funded by the National Institutes of Mental Health (NIMH).

The Asenze study is in its 5th wave (a 3-year grant) with a current focus on the transition of the adolescent cohort into young adulthood. The study aims to investigate the ongoing impact of changes in the social determinants of health (SDOH) on the mental health of the adolescent/young adult cohort and their primary caregivers.

The project is looking to employ a researcher who will work to support the implementation of the grant and conduct data preparation, analysis, and write-up for publication. This includes both leading and supporting journal article submissions. The candidate must have strong quantitative skills, and be able to work independently. Prior experience analyzing longitudinal data will be an advantage.

The study is based in the Valley of 1000 Hills. Applications will be accepted from candidates across South Africa (remote work); however, preference will be given to candidates based in Durban.

Minimum Requirements:

- A Masters degree, with a background in Public Health/ Health Promotion/ Psychology/Epidemiology/ Economics/ Sociology or similar.
- At least 5 years relevant research experience in Public Health or similar in South Africa.
- Quantitative data analysis.
- Publication history of at least **4** journal articles, one of which must be a first-authored.

Essential Requirement

- Experience analyzing longitudinal data.

The project does not cover any relocation costs. This post reports to the Project Director. Inquiries regarding this post may be directed to the Project Director Ms Furzana Timol at: timolf@ukzn.ac.za

The closing date for receipt of applications is 15 January 2025. The University, however, reserves the right in special circumstances to accept late applications or extend the above date in order to facilitate further searches.

Please submit the following as part of your application:

1. UKZN support staff application form, available on the Vacancies website at <http://vacancies.ukzn.ac.za/Home.aspx>
2. Your curriculum vitae
3. All qualification certificates and academic transcripts

Completed application 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 covering letter and must be sent to E-mail address: crh@ukzn.ac.za . Please quote ASENZE CRH 10 as a reference in your subject line.