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COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

(1 year fixed term contract)

PEROMNES GRADE 9

HIV PATHOGENESIS PROGRAMME (HPP)

SCHOOL OF LABORATORY MEDICINE AND MEDICAL SCIENCES

NELSON R MANDELA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

CLOSING DATE: 10 NOVEMBER 2017

REF: HPP/RA/021117

The HIV Pathogenesis Programme (HPP) has a **Research Assistant** position available. The incumbent will be required to be highly motivated; meticulous; hard working and able to work independently. The incumbent will report to the Laboratory Manager.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- BSc (Honours) degree or equivalent
- Familiarity with biomedical research laboratory procedures and safety requirements
- Experience in molecular techniques e.g. Realtime, Sequencing or basic PCR

ADVANTAGES:

- Minimum one year experience in a biomedical research laboratory
- Experience in working with human samples
- MSc

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist senior researcher and team with experiments, quality control and data verification
- Undertake general sample processing of HIV positive blood samples
- Maintenance of equipment
- Participate in the various academic activities – journal club, lab meetings, quality improvement meetings and audits, etc.
- Health and safety checks of laboratory as required
- General housekeeping

The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, 10 November 2017.

Enquiries and details regarding this post, as well as requests for a job profile may be directed to Mrs Thenjie Duma, e-mail address: dumat@ukzn.ac.za

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 sent to Mrs Thenjie Duma, e-mail address: dumat@ukzn.ac.za. **Please quote the advert reference number in your subject line.**

Terms of Appointment and Selection Process:

The post will commence in January 2018 and will be offered on a one-year, fixed term contract. The terms and conditions governing this appointment will be in compliance with those of the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal. The position is potentially renewable, depending on availability of funds. The monthly cost of employment for this position will be R14, 000 – R16, 000, dependent on the experience of the successful candidate.

The selection process will commence in November 2017 and will continue until suitable candidates are appointed or a decision is taken not to fill the posts.