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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN CROP SCIENCE
FIVE YEAR FIXED TERM APPOINTMENT
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL, EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
PIETERMARITZBURG CAMPUS**

REF NO: AEES11/2020

The School seeks to appoint an Associate Professor in Crop Science. The appointment will be supported by an endowment from the South Africa National Botanical Institute (SANBI) for five years. The incumbent should be a dynamic, self-motivated and innovative individual committed to quality research, some teaching and community engagement in the Crop Science. S/he will join a dedicated team of academic staff in Agricultural Plant Sciences and is expected to lead in the area of Crop Science through contributing to postgraduate mentorship/supervision, conducting research, attracting research funding, contributing to administrative and community outreach activities, and forging strong links with SANBI and related industries, including government departments. Although this is not a teaching appointment per se, in that there are no modules set aside for the post, successful candidates will be required to assist with teaching by the leader of the research programme, in line with the basic requirements of the university expectations for academics.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- A PhD in Crop Science
- Certified Plant Science accreditation by the South African Council for Natural Sciences
- NRF rating at any level recognised for a Plant Scientist
- A current and sustained research publication record in peer-reviewed ISI/DoHET accredited journals appropriate for this level
- Successful supervision/co-supervision of postgraduate students in Crop Science or related fields
- Demonstrated ability to attract external research funds
- Evidence of participation as a leader or co-leader or advisor in a national organisation/body dealing with research or related matters

This appointment will be made in line with the University guidelines/benchmarks which are available on the University Vacancies website on <http://vacancies.ukzn.ac.za/Academic-Process-Proc-Guides.aspx>.

Enquiries and details regarding this post maybe directed to the Dean & Head of School: Professor FN Mudau on e-mail mudauf@ukzn.ac.za

Short-listed candidates will be expected to do a presentation on a specified topic

The remuneration package offered includes benefits.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 10 November 2020.

Applicants are required to complete a relevant application form which is available on the Vacancies website at www.ukzn.ac.za. Completed forms AND Curriculum Vitae must be sent to recruitment-aes@ukzn.ac.za. Advert Reference Number MUST be clearly stated in the subject line.