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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT
STUDENT APPOINTMENT FOR SEVEN MONTHS
CENTRE FOR WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL, EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
PIETERMARITZBURG CAMPUS**

REF NO. CWRR09/2021

The Centre for Water Resources Research seeks to appoint a suitably-qualified research assistant to support the research project "Unlocking resilient benefits from African water resources (RESBEN)". The RESBEN is a UKRI funded research excellence grant with African Universities linked to the ARUA Water Centre of Excellence.

This interdisciplinary science project is seen as an opportunity to gain innovative solutions needed to drive the transformation and development of Africa's water resources.

The research assistant will provide support to the Principal Investigators and assist in fulfilling the commitments and the deliverables for the RESBEN project. The incumbent will contribute to research design, data collection, data analysis, peer-review article and report writing.

The incumbent should have training and exposure in participatory research methods, social-ecological system and/or adaptive systems research. S/he will have understanding of stakeholder engagement processes within the context of natural resource management and/or integrated water resources management.

The incumbent will report to Dr Rebecka Henriksson.

Minimum Requirements:

- A relevant Honours degree in Hydrology, Environmental Hydrology or relevant field
- Completed, or currently registered for, MSc degree in Hydrology, Environmental Hydrology or relevant field
- One year experience in multi-disciplinary research (biophysical and social research)
- Relevant training and a minimum of 1 year experience (theoretical and practical experience) in stakeholder engagement processes within the context of natural resource management and/or integrated water resources management
- Relevant training and a minimum of 1 year experience in conducting participatory research methods, ethical considerations and safe-guarding
- Evidence of understanding of social learning, value creation and evaluation

Enquiries regarding the full details of the post and associated duties may be directed to Dr Rebecka Henriksson, email: HenrikssonR@ukzn.ac.za.

Preference will be given to students not in receipt of a bursary or scholarship supporting their studies. The students will be required to declare that they are not currently appointed elsewhere within UKZN.

The successful candidate will awarded an allowance of R12 872 per month

Applicants are required to submit their Curriculum Vitae, together with a cover letter indicating their experience in meeting the stipulated minimum requirements to Ms Kalastrie Chetty, Email: ChettyK2@ukzn.ac.za no later than the 24 August 2021.

Advert Reference Number MUST be clearly stated in the subject line.