

**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 AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE**

**POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW: ONE YEAR APPOINTMENT  
SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES  
WESTVILLE**

**REFERENCE NO: SLS 49/2021**

The School of Life Sciences is well established with a strong research profile and has a large number of undergraduate and postgraduate students. The School offers a vibrant educational and research environment in Life Sciences, with strong national and international collaborative research linkages. The school has a

A post-doctoral position is available under supervision of Dr David Glassom. The post-doctoral fellowship will entail conducting independent research on current projects in microplastic pollution, writing of manuscripts, mentoring or co-supervising post-graduate students and acting as laboratory manager for the research group.

A strong background researching microplastic in marine habitats is essential for this post.

**Minimum Requirements :**

- A PhD degree in biology or a relevant related field of biological science
- At least 3 publications in peer reviewed journals in the field of impacts of microplastic pollution
- Applicants must be under the age of 45 years
- Must be based at UKZN for the duration of the scholarship.
- Boat handling experience and working from a small boat
- The ability to conduct statistical analyses in R.
- Experience maintaining fish in aquaria for experimental purposes.
- Good communication and management skills

The Chair is committed to equity and transformation. Applications from previously disadvantaged population groups and persons with disabilities will be viewed favourably. Comprehensive applications are invited, comprising of:

- A letter of motivation highlighting the applicant's experience in meeting each of the minimum requirements as listed above, including the earliest possible starting date
- An up-to-date comprehensive CV
- Contact details of two academic referees
- A two-page summary of current and future research interests
- Record of transcripts
- An example of your academic writing skills, by either providing an article or chapter of your PhD thesis
- Copy of ID / permanent residency document. Foreigners must be in possession of relevant permits.

Applications must be sent to the administrator Xoli Shandu, [shandu@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:shandu@ukzn.ac.za) indicating the reference number in the email's subject line. Late applications will not be considered. An online interview will take place. Enquiries and details regarding this post, may be directed to Dr D Glassom by email: [glassom@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:glassom@ukzn.ac.za).

The successful incumbent will be expected to complete an employment form for the Human Resources Division. This will enable the incumbent to access facilities such as parking discs, personalised e-mail address as well as receive his/her monthly payment timeously.

**The closing date for receipt of applications is 26 November 2021.**