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COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES

SCHOOL OF BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

HOWARD COLLEGE CAMPUS

SENIOR RESEARCHER (1 POST)

(1 YEAR FIXED-TERM CONTRACT)

REF. NO.: DEV01/2015

The School of Built Environment and Development Studies is a multi-disciplinary research and teaching School with programmes in Architecture, Community Development, Development Studies, Housing, Planning and Population Studies. The School combines undergraduate and post-graduate teaching, research and community engagement.

The South African Research Chair Initiative (SARChI) in Applied Poverty Reduction Assessment is a multi-year research programme funded by the National Research Foundation / Department of Science and Technology. The objective of the programme is to conduct research which enhances understanding of how and why poverty is a salient multi-dimensional challenge, and to enhance government and society's capacity and willingness to overcome it. We do this more specifically by building and critiquing evaluation systems which monitor the implementation of government service delivery to the poor; by researching patterns of poverty production and reduction; and by a set of projects targeting economic justice and inequality.

We are seeking someone with knowledge, or ideally prior research experience in the area of political ecology and climate change adaptation and poverty reduction co-benefits. An understanding of the Clean Development Mechanism and certified emissions reductions under the UNFCCC would be a benefit.

We would also welcome candidates who have experience in the fields of gender, social development and employment creation, although all suitably qualified applicants in any field of development studies as it considers poverty reduction are encouraged to apply.

The SARChI seeks one senior researcher to work within the SARChI team.

Minimum requirements:

- Masters degree;
- Skills in capturing data from internet based searching and other search engines;

- Abilities in SPSS, excel, and/or STATA;
- Some evidence of other computer based competencies including software for qualitative research such as DeDoose or NVivo;
- Experience in research projects and data capturing at postgraduate level or above;
- Proven experience in completing surveys in a professional manner;
- Proven computer skills.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 15 October 2015.

Applicants are required to complete an application highlighting their experience in, and providing evidence for, each of the minimum requirements and advantages as listed above. The application form can be found at <http://vacancies.ukzn.ac.za/Home.aspx> and should be forwarded to Ms K Diga at digak@ukzn.ac.za.