

## **Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Regional & Local Economic Development**

The College of Law and Management Studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN), in partnership with the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in KwaZulu-Natal, invites applications from committed candidates wishing to pursue postdoctoral studies in 2014 focusing on Regional and Local Economic Development (RLED) in KwaZulu-Natal.

It is envisaged that the postdoctoral fellow will become an integrated team member in the RLED initiative with their role being focussed on drawing together some of the key strands of research and thinking that have been undertaken in the first two years of the programme as well as undertaking new research independently and in collaboration with other members of the programme.

### **The Postdoctoral Fellow will be expected to conduct new research in at least one of the following broad areas:**

- Regional economic development: Research will focus broadly on critical evaluation of the ways in which cities function as drivers of regional economic development.
- Place-based economic development initiatives: This will involve a focus on development agencies, special economic zones and/or area based management as initiatives to address poverty and unemployment.
- Relationships between the state, private sector and communities: critical examination of economic development mechanisms of co-operatives and public private partnerships will be the primary interest.

The postdoctoral fellow should have the ability to maintain their personal and professional development to meet the changing demands of the job; have excellent communication and writing skills; and an enthusiasm for regional and local economic development, particularly in KwaZulu-Natal.

### **Application Requirements**

- A doctoral degree obtained in the last three years
- A CV including a list of publications
- A one page proposal indicating the research area and the proposed project(s)
- Certified academic records
- Applicants should not be older than 45 years of age by the closing date of applications
- Candidate to be based at UKZN for the duration of the scholarship
- Completion of the application form

### **Required Outputs**

- All UKZN Postdoctoral Fellows are expected to have a minimum of one article accepted for publication in the first year and proof that a second article has been submitted and is under review. The article must be in DoHET accredited journals.
- The Fellow working with the RLED Initiative will be expected to be a committed participant in the broader initiative of teaching, research and community engagement as well as fulfilling the minimum university publication requirements.

**Prospective Postdoctoral Fellows will undergo a rigorous process of selection.**

Interested candidates should send in a one page motivational letter, CV, certified copies of ID, certificates and academic transcripts to [dlaminib1@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:dlaminib1@ukzn.ac.za)

**The deadline for applications is Friday, 09 December 2013**

For further details visit: [www.kznded.gov.za](http://www.kznded.gov.za) or <http://gsbl.ukzn.ac.za>

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