



Research, Innovation and Community Liaison Officer; Rural Development and Innovation Hub (RDIH) Community Engagement..

Requirements:

- Minimum qualifications: Master's degree in Social Sciences or related studies. Progress with a PhD will be an advantage.
- Minimum of 5 years' relevant experience in community development and scholarly engagement in a higher education institution.
- Demonstrated practical work experience in development in a NGO or another organisation and knowledge of local enterprise facilitation will be an advantage.
- Knowledge of curriculum development, development of training programmes, assessment criteria and outcomes that are aligned with community development.
- Knowledge and demonstrated experience in research with specific reference to; collaborative research practices, participatory and action research, data management, data analysis and dissemination.
- Knowledge of and experience in management of student and volunteer fieldworkers for the purpose of practical field placement and or community engagement.
- Knowledge, understanding and experience of indigenous knowledge systems, innovation in rural contexts and demonstrated experience in work with communities on grassroots level.
- Excellent people and facilitation skills; conflict resolution, communication and problem-solving abilities.
- Financial management professional writing, administrative and management skills.
- Innovative thinking.
- Knowledge and awareness of national and international developments that may be relevant to the effective functioning of a RDIH

Duties:

The successful applicant will be required to:

- To assist in the development of a conceptual framework for community engagement as scholarship in the university.
- Assist with training and development of short learning courses, projects and systems to further the alignment and integration of community engagement with teaching and learning and research.
- Facilitating innovative participatory community engagement processes, training and workshops on campus and in communities.
- Development, promotion and integration of indigenous knowledge systems and local enterprise facilitation.
- Undertake and supervise collaborative community engagement related research, design research protocols (including pilots), and train students and field workers in collaborative research practices.
- Management of all processes related to student recruitment, training, field work placements and providing mentorship and guidance to students, field workers and bursars.
- Liaison with participants during the data collection process, facilitation of confirmation discussions and dissemination of research outcomes.
- Develop and maintain network, partnerships and relationships with stakeholders and communities.
- Manage all administrative processes related to the position.

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Closing date: 04 May 2018

Typed application which should contain comprehensive curriculum vitae, certified copies of all qualifications and contain details of three referees, should be forwarded, for the attention of Mrs MR Thoabala, to the Chief Human Resources Officer, Private Bag x1106, Sovenga, 0727 or e-mail applications, in MS Word form, to Mosima.thoabala@ul.ac.za

Telephonic enquiries regarding conditions of service: **(015) 268 – 2488**

It is the applicant's responsibility to have foreign obtained qualifications evaluated by the South African qualification Authority. Please also note that failure to submit the requested documents/ information will result in your application not being considered

The University of Limpopo is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All appointments will be made in accordance with the University's Employment Equity Plan. Preference will be given to males (Indian and Coloured) and females (Indian, Coloured and Whites)

Correspondence will be limited to short-listed candidates only. Applicants who have not been contacted within 30 days of the closing date must consider their applications as unsuccessful.

The University reserves the right not to make an appointment.

