UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL ™
INYUVESI YAKWAZULU-NATALI

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE MASTER'S PROGRAMMES IN POPULATION STUDIES 2015**

**NB: PLEASE NOTE – NO DISTANCE LEARNING OR EVENING/WEEKEND CLASSES**

Thank you for your enquiry regarding admission to our post-graduate Programmes, which start in February 2015. Please ensure that the following documents are with us by the 31 October 2014:

1. The 'Application for admission as a masters or doctoral candidate' to study at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (*Application form 1)*

2. Please send a one to two page typed motivation as to why you wish to participate in our School including a possible research topic or area of research interest for your Masters Dissertation.

**3.** Attach your official academic record from ALL the universities you attended. If graduated from the Universities of KwaZulu-Natal, Natal or Durban Westville, we can access your record.

**4.** We require two academic referees. Please arrange for your referees to fax or email their references direct to the School indicating your suitability and ability for acceptance into the programme. In cases where the applicant has been employed for some years, it will be acceptable for one of the references to be a professional one.

Please state your name clearly on any documentation. In a case of direct deposit, please send a copy of the documentation to us. You may also use your credit card for this payment. See attached form. However, students currently studying at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, need not send this fee.

5. **Essay Question: As part of the assessment of your application you are required to write an essay of not more than 2000 words. The topic is: *Discuss the effects of HIV/AIDS on the well-being of the population*. You will need to access readings on this topic. Alternatively you may provide an essay you have written in the past. NB:** We ask for all essays in electronic format as well please, in order to run through a plagiarism checking system. This is something asked of all new applicants with regard to the essays which form part of the application process.

**Full time/Part time:** The masters programme assume that you are a **full time** student and there is little time for you to do additional work. If you have a job or other responsibilities you may opt to do the degree **part time**. If you are accepted to do a 192 credit masters, you can spread the modules for a 1 year degree over 2 years. If you are doing a 320 credit degree you can complete over 4 years (although many 320 credit part time students complete within 3 years). There are no evening classes or distance learning.

**Compulsory SAQA (http://www.saqa.org.za/) or Tele: 012- 431 5000 accreditation: All International + other African Countries**

Many students require one additional semester beyond their one or two year degree to complete their dissertation. If you are applying to funders we recommend you attempt to include this additional semester.

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Depending upon your academic transcript, you might be eligible for graduate assistance which pays a portion of the South African tuition fees only. But this award will only be considered in 2015 after registration so please do not count on that amount.

## 6. APPLICATION FEE

**Your Application Form must be accompanied by proof of payment of the Application Fee which is non-refundable. The fee must be made payable to the University of KwaZulu-Natal by electronic transfer as follows:**
**Method of payment:**

Account holder: University of KwaZulu-Natal
Name of Account: UKZN Foreign Deposit
Type of Account: Business Current Account
Bank: Standard Bank
Branch: Westville
Branch No. : 045426
Bank Account No. : 05 308 2826
SWIFT Code: SBZAZAJJ
Reference: F001 11402 with applicants full name

**Please state your name and surname clearly on the deposit slip and attach proof of payment on the Application Form.**

**Application fee:**
Local students pay:
R175
All students from SADC and other African countries pay:
R470.00
All students from outside of Africa
U$146.00

**Please return all of the above by the 31 October 2014 to:**
**Mrs Priya Konan, email: konan@ukzn.ac.za**

If you are an overseas applicant, please bear in mind that you need at least three months for a study visa to be processed. You need to apply in the country in which you reside as no visas will be given to students applying within South Africa's borders.

Yours sincerely
**Ms Nompumelelo Nzimande**
Discipline Leader

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