



RESEARCH FELLOWS, EARLY-/MID-CAREER PROGRAMME

Neurosciences Institute (NI)

Faculty of Health Sciences

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the above three-year contract positions at the level of Lecturer or Senior Lecturer for appointment on 1 January 2018, or as soon as possible thereafter. The goal of the Neurosciences Institute (NI) is to enhance interdisciplinary research, teaching and patient care in the neurosciences. Based in the Clinical Neurosciences Centre, which will be constructed in partnership with the Western Cape Government at Groote Schuur Hospital, the NI recognises the need to attract and retain emerging researchers in order to grow capacity and foster research excellence. The NI's strategic initiative of an early-/mid-career development programme aims to strengthen the Faculty's research capacity in neuroscience by creating new fixed-term contract research positions for outstanding emerging researchers, to enable them to develop and take their research to the next level. These positions are to be situated within the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Requirements:

There are **four** positions available to candidates from any field related to neuroscience. The target candidates are either researchers in possession of a doctoral degree or medical graduates with Masters' degree, and at least 2 years' postdoctoral or postgraduate research training and experience in the Health Sciences, respectively. As such, the action addresses those researchers who are in a position to benefit from a career development measure.

Prospective candidates should have demonstrated their ability to conduct meritorious research and have appropriate training as researchers. Applicants should also have good communication and leadership skills and be able to describe how they have contributed, or will contribute, to realizing the interdisciplinary vision of the NI.

Responsibilities:

The early-/mid-career development initiative aims to produce, at the end of their tenure, researchers who are able to secure major international research funding to sustain their careers, develop national and international research partnerships, collaborations and network ties, be capable of undertaking independent research, and provide mentorship for early-career investigators.

The positions will allow candidates to pursue their research interests and use the time to develop proposals for submission to major funding agencies such as the NIH or Wellcome Trust to support long-term research efforts.

The annual cost of employment, including benefits, is between:

- R442 783 and R592 451 at Lecturer level, and
- R505 303 and R728 441 at Senior Lecturer level.

Additional enquires about these positions can be directed to Dr Jacqueline Bracher at j.bracher@uct.ac.za.

To apply, please e-mail the below documents in a **single pdf file** to Ms J Harvey at recruitment05@uct.ac.za

- UCT Application Form (download at <http://forms.uct.ac.za/hr201.doc>)
- Cover letter describing in which unit or group within NI they wish to work and a summary of the work they intend to do (not exceeding 1400 words).
- A letter of support from the head of unit or group and signed off by the relevant Head of Department, indicating their willingness to host and support, and to provide the necessary resources/infrastructure to do the work.
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) including details of three referees

Please ensure the title and reference number are indicated in the subject line.

An application which does not comply with the above requirements will be regarded as incomplete.

Telephone: 021 650 1577

Website: www.hr.uct.ac.za

Reference number: E17154

Closing date: 30 September 2017

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UCT reserves the right not to appoint.