



RESEARCH ASSISTANT

(2-year contract)

Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health Faculty of Health Sciences

The UCT Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health seeks to appoint a clinical research assistant and invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for appointment for this full-time, 2-year contract.

Research activities will include – but not be limited to:

The **Neurogenetics of Psychiatric Disorders in African Populations (Neuro-GAP) study**. The purpose of the study is to:

1. Expand knowledge of the genetic architecture of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder in Africa through large-scale sample collection, analysis and follow-up.
2. Increase understanding of the genetics of African populations
3. Enhance neuropsychiatric genetic research capacity in Africa through the training of scientists and support the development of locally led research programs

More details about the rationale for such work can be found at:

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/283236683_Large_Scale_Genetic_Research_on_Neuropsychiatric_Disorders_in_African_Populations_is_Needed

Requirements:

- Minimum Bachelors level degree in psychology, nursing or a relevant field
- At least two years research or clinical experience
- Fluent in English and Xhosa (first language preferable) or Afrikaans
- Driver's License
- Willingness to travel and work in various provinces within South Africa
- Prior experience with mental health patients will be advantageous

Responsibilities:

- Recruitment of participants into the study
- Provide Feedback with regards to obstacles to recruitment as well as solutions generated
- Provide Feedback with regards to quality of clinical assessment and expected improvement in response
- Disseminate information about the study in a clear manner
- Participate in regular training in relevant areas of psychiatry and genetics
- Provide administrative support including various research administrative functions as required
- Provide general research assistance as required by members of the research team

To apply, please e-mail the below documents in a **single pdf file** to Roxanne James at Roxanne.james@uct.ac.za

- UCT Application Form (download at <http://forms.uct.ac.za/hr201.doc>)
- Cover letter, and
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)

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

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

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and may be required to undergo a competency test.

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Reference number: E90113

Closing date: 31 January 2019

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UCT reserves the right not to appoint.