



# University of Cape Town Lung Institute CENTRE FOR CHILD AND ADOLESCENT LUNG HEALTH UNIT

## RESEARCH ASSISTANT / OFFICER

The University of Cape Town Lung Institute requires applications for a **Research Assistant / Officer\*** on a **Fixed Term Contract** for the MRC Unit in the Centre for Child and Adolescent Lung Health Unit (CHILD), based in Cape Town.

The Centre for Child & Adolescent Lung Health aims to foster a strong clinical translational research group in the area of priority childhood respiratory illnesses in Africa.

The position will span across several studies in this full-/part-time 12-month contract post and the incumbent will be responsible for providing high level support to the Unit Head,

The research focus of the unit is on child health with core projects:

- (1) Drakenstein child health study, a birth cohort study focused on the early life determinants of child health;
- (2) Paediatric TB studies;
- (3) Studies of childhood pneumonia and new preventive strategies;
- (4) An HIV-adolescent cohort study of the spectrum of illness and determinants.

There is also an opportunity to undertake a higher degree and to actively participate in planning and undertaking publications, if desired.

### Minimum Requirements:

- Additional postgraduate qualification(s) in one or more of the following would be advantageous:
  - Medicine, Paediatrics, or Public Health
  - Infectious Disease
  - Pulmonology
  - Epidemiology and / or Biostatistics
- Experience working in research
- Experience in paediatrics or public health or clinical research.
- Strong academic writing skills and experience drafting scientific manuscripts
- Experience with research grants management, grant applications and proposals
- Valid GCP and GLCP Certificates

### Other Skills:

- Strong interpersonal and communication (written and verbal) skills
- Ability to co-ordinate, multi-task and work under pressure
- Strong problem solving and decision-making skills
- Strong planning and organising skills
- Ability to work independently and with minimal supervision
- Good computer skills, proficient with MS office applications

### Responsibilities include (but not limited to):

- Support for completion of grant applications
- Drafting scientific manuscripts
- Coordinating activities across existing studies
- Preparing presentations
- Maintaining cv and ongoing administrative support and tasks as required

### Additional Information:

- 12-month Fixed Term Contract
- Applications for both **Part-Time** (20 hours per week) and **Full-Time** (40 hours per week) will be considered

**To apply**, interested applicants are requested to submit a letter of motivation, updated CV and the names and numbers of 3 contactable referees to: [Whitney.Barnett@uct.ac.za](mailto:Whitney.Barnett@uct.ac.za)

**Reference (in subject line):** Research: CHILD

**Closing Date:** 05 November 2020

Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

**Applications will only be accepted via email.**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Should you not receive a response within 30 days of the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful.

*The University of Cape Town Lung Institute is committed to equity in our employment practices and reserves the right not to appoint.*

**\*Please Note: This Position is not on UCT Conditions of Service.**

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