



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

RESEARCH OFFICER

The University of Cape Town Lung Institute requires applications for a **RESEARCH OFFICER** on a **Full-time or Part-time Fixed Term Contract** to be based within the MRC Unit on Child and Adolescent Health (CHILD), Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital, Rondebosch.

The **Research Officer** will be responsible for providing high level support to the Director, Prof Heather Zar, including 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. 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 will be opportunities to present results at scientific meetings, further collaborations, and for development of further skills to advance career development, if desired.

Minimum Requirements:

- Undergraduate qualification in a health-related discipline
- Postgraduate qualification in public health, epidemiology and/or biostatistics
- Experience working in paediatrics, public health or clinical research

Desirable experience:

- Strong academic writing skills and experience drafting scientific manuscripts
- Experience with research grants management, grant applications and proposals
- Advanced computer skills including statistical analyses and data visualisation

Additional Requirements:

- 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

Additional Information:

- 12-month Fixed Term Contract
- Full-Time or Part-Time (negotiable between 20 to 40 hours per week)

To apply, interested applicants are requested to submit an [application form](#), cover letter and updated CV to: cynthia.baard@uct.ac.za

Applications will only be accepted via email.

Reference (in subject line): Research Officer: CHILD-004

Closing Date: 30 April 2024

Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

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. The selection process will be guided by the Employment Equity Plan and Targets of the University of Cape Town Lung Institute (Pty) Ltd.

This Position is on UCT Lung Institute Conditions of Service.