



## **DEPUTY DEAN: RESEARCH**

(5-year contract; Full Time)

### **Dean's Office**

### **Faculty of Health Sciences**

UCT's Faculty of Health Sciences has a global reputation for medical achievement and ground-breaking research that has impacted on health locally, nationally, regionally, and globally. UCT continues to enjoy excellent international rankings and the Faculty has been recognised as being in the top 100 globally for health sciences. Applications are invited for a Deputy Dean: Research to contribute to this innovative and responsive research enterprise and enhance the Faculty's research contribution in the global environment. This is an exciting and challenging opportunity to support UCT's large and complex Health Sciences Research Enterprise.

We seek to appoint a candidate with strong leadership and managerial ability, who will promote a spirit of enquiry and transformation through strengthening the research culture and improving the conduct, quality, relevance, and support of research in the Faculty. This will be a 5-year contract appointment renewable based on performance.

#### **Requirements for the position:**

- A PhD in a relevant discipline OR clinical professional qualifications with significant fundraising portfolio.
- At least 10 years' experience in research management
- Experience in building research capacity in the health sciences.
- Evidence of leadership in, and implementation of, innovations aimed at transforming research agendas
- Has a strong Afrocentric outlook and ability to form strong collaborations within the African context.
- Sound knowledge and insight into the principles and current trends nationally and internationally in human and/or animal research ethics.
- Understanding of the financing of research and experience in the management of large budgets.
- Proven written and verbal communication skills and ability to function effectively as part of a senior management team.

#### **The following will be advantageous:**

- Experience in strategy development and research capacity development initiatives.
- Previous member of a Human or Animal Research Ethics Committee.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Upholding the Faculty's commitment to quality research that is relevant and has the potential to impact the health of the people of South Africa and beyond
- Enabling research strategy and planning
- Driving strategic and sustainable growth of research in the Faculty
- Leadership of the Faculty Research Portfolio and oversight of the Faculty Research Enterprise budget
- Building research capacity at all levels, and facilitating transformation and succession planning
- Line management, including performance management, of senior staff in the Faculty Research Portfolio
- Contributing to the overall Faculty vision and mission
- Strategic planning for the Faculty's Research Enterprise
- Implementation and updating of the Faculty's Strategic Plan for Research
- Developing and strengthening research partnerships within the Faculty and University, as well as nationally, regionally, and internationally
- Liaison with research bodies, researchers' partner employers and relevant statutory councils on behalf of the Faculty and promoting the use of the provincial service platform for clinical, translational and health systems research
- Identifying and procuring funding to support strategic initiatives and building faculty-wide research infrastructure and capacity
- Strengthening and optimising the use and management of the Faculty's core facilities and major equipment infrastructure
- Developing and overseeing implementation of research-related marketing and communication strategies
- Strengthening and optimising the Faculty's research management information systems
- Overseeing a strong hub for research support.

The appointment is at the level of full / associate professor with an annual remuneration package, including benefits, that is dependent on qualifications and experience. Appointment to this position is based on a five-year contract, which is subject to an annual performance review against agreed objectives. The contract is renewable subject to a prescribed performance review.

**To apply**, please e-mail the below documents in a **single pdf file** to Tracy Moore at [recruitment05@uct.ac.za](mailto:recruitment05@uct.ac.za)

- UCT Application Form (download at <http://forms.uct.ac.za/hr201.doc>);
- Letter of motivation that specifically addresses your ability to meet each of the above requirements of the position; indicates the time allowance needed to pursue your own research if applicable; and provides a statement on your potential contribution as Deputy Dean Research;
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)

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. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and may be required to undergo an assessment.

**Telephone:** 021 650 5405

**Website:** <http://www.health.uct.ac.za>

**Reference number:** E220328

**Closing date:** 01 September 2022

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