



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

RESEARCH ASSISTANT X2

The University of Cape Town Lung Institute requires applications for two (1 x fluent in English **and** Afrikaans; and 1 x fluent in English **and** Xhosa) **RESEARCH ASSISTANTS*** on a **Fixed Term Contract** for the MRC Unit in the Centre for Child and Adolescent Lung Health Unit (CHILD), based in Paarl, Western Cape.

The position is a full-time (40-hours per week), 12-month contract (with possible renewable, depending on funding) post with a starting date 1 June 2023. The incumbent will be responsible for administering the WebCNP neurocognitive battery to participants of the Drakenstein Child Health Study. They will be based at the study sites in Paarl, Western Cape.

DCHS is a multi-year birth cohort study following 1,000 mother child pairs to investigate the epidemiology, aetiology and risk factors for childhood lower respiratory illness and the impact on child health, including the development of chronic respiratory disease. The study aims to investigate the role and interaction of potential risk factors covering 7 areas (environmental, infectious, nutritional, genetic, psychosocial, maternal and immunological risk factors) that may impact on child health.

Minimum Requirements:

- Undergraduate degree in social sciences or related discipline
- Knowledge of, and experience in research data collection with children and adults
- Basic – Intermediate computer literacy, particularly pertaining to Microsoft Office
- Experience and ability to work with adults and children
- Verbal, written and reading fluency in English **and** Afrikaans; OR English **and** Xhosa
- Ability to work independently as well as within a team

The following will be advantageous:

- Postgraduate training (Honours / Master's degree)
- Experience administering formal neuropsychological assessments in children
- Knowledge of Good Clinical Practice (GCP)

Responsibilities include (but not limited to):

- Facilitate the WebCNP neurocognitive battery with research participants (training to be provided)
- Administer self-report questionnaires with children and adults
- Inform research participants of formal test results and refer if necessary
- Research support e.g. data cleaning, data quality checking, data uploading, literature searches
- Perform other research related duties as assigned
- Assist with overall administrative duties e.g. minute taking, tracking and ordering supplies

To apply, interested applicants are requested to submit an [application form](#), **letter of motivation and updated CV in PDF format** to: Nadia.Hoffman@uct.ac.za

Reference (in subject line): DCHS RA: CHILD-0003 (Xhosa) **OR** DCHS RA: CHILD-0003 (Afrikaans)

Closing Date: 12 April 2023

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.**