



RESEARCH ASSISTANT

(Payclass 07; 12-month contract, Cape Town)

Centre for Infectious Diseases Research in Africa

Institute of Infectious Diseases and Molecular Medicine (IDM)

Faculty of Health Sciences

The Centre for Infectious Diseases Research in Africa (CIDRI-Africa) based at the Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine (IDM) in the Faculty of Health Sciences invites applications from suitably experienced candidates for a 12-month contract position as a Research Assistant (Biorepository technician).

The successful candidate will join the laboratory research team, supporting studies being conducted within the group by instituting and maintaining a biorepository system for clinical sample storage in Ultra Low Temperature freezers and liquid nitrogen.

The post will be based in the Institute for Infectious Diseases and Molecular Medicine. Samples are received from multiple clinical sites located in Cape Town and from other sites in South Africa.

The successful candidate will be expected to work flexibly.

Requirements:

- Medical Technician qualification
- HPCSA registration as a Medical Technician
- 2 years post qualification experience in a medical laboratory
- Knowledge of Health and safety requirements of working with clinical samples
- Experience of working with Liquid Nitrogen and Ultra Low temperature freezers
- Experience of working with Laboratory Information Management Systems (e.g. Freezerworks, FreezerPro)
- Computer literacy (proficiency in Microsoft Office and electronic data capture)
- Excellent organisational skills and attention to detail

Advantageous:

- IATA training
- GCLP training

Responsibilities:

- Create, develop and maintain repository SOP with laboratory manager
- Maintain sample inventory for long term stored samples
- Receive, verify and check quality of received samples
- Report errors in labelling and collection
- Capture all study sample records daily
- Prepare samples for shipping according to IATA requirements, with a member of the laboratory staff
- Perform daily checks on fridges, freezers, Liquid Nitrogen tanks, probes and environmental monitoring systems
- Arrange quality assurance on stored samples in liaison with laboratory manager
- Maintain accurate records including shipping documents
- Share alarm response duties with Laboratory technologists

The annual cost of employment, including benefits, is between R229 549 to R421 349

Candidates may make informal enquiries in confidence via email to Sheena Ruzive:

Sruzive.ruzive@uct.ac.za

Effective start date: As soon as is possible

To apply, please e-mail the documents listed below in a single pdf file to Daneen Abels at cidri-africa.recruitment@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 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: 021 404 7694

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Reference number: E23606

Closing date: 20 June 2023

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