



RESEARCH OFFICER (CLINICAL PAYLINE) X2
(12-month fixed term contract)
The Centre for Infectious Diseases Research in Africa
Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine
(IDM)
Faculty of Health Sciences

The Centre for Infectious Diseases Research in Africa (CIDRI-Africa) based at the Institute of Infectious Diseases and Molecular Medicine (IDM) in the Faculty of Health Sciences is a multidisciplinary infectious disease research centre, committed to the pursuit of excellence in research, treatment and prevention of HIV and TB in Africa.

We invite applications from suitably qualified candidates for a 12-month contract (potentially extendable) position as a Research Medical Officer.

The successful candidate will join within the research domain, supporting studies being conducted within the group which include a Phase III clinical trial to test the efficacy of a novel treatment regimen in tuberculous meningitis (ITBM). This ongoing clinical trial is currently recruiting from 5 sites across South Africa (3 hospitals situated in Cape Town and 2 in Gqeberha).

We seek to appoint a research officer to join a team based between the three recruiting clinical sites in Cape Town: **New Somerset Hospital, Khayelitsha Hospital and Mitchell's Plain Hospital** and three hospitals visited for follow-up visits: **Brooklyn Chest Hospital, DP Marais Hospital, and Groote Schuur Hospital**. The successful candidate will work closely with the research nurses, study coordinator, study pharmacist, site PIs and co-investigators as well as the data manager.

Although the majority of work will occur within working hours Monday to Friday, there will be occasional weekend work, for example for follow-up visits of newly enrolled participants or pharmacokinetic sample collection; the successful candidate will be expected to work flexibly. The post will involve driving between clinical sites and therefore a valid driver's license and own transport must be held.

Requirements for this job:

- MBChB or MBBCh degree or equivalent
- Completed community service training year
- Registration with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) as an independent medical practitioner
- Current valid work permit for South Africa if non-South African
- At least 1 year of post-internship clinical experience in treating patients with TB and HIV
- Experience of treating adults at primary and secondary care level
- Demonstrable organisational and logistical skills
- Computer literate: high level word-processing skills
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work independently as well as within a team
- Valid Driver's license
- Own Malpractice insurance

The following will be considered advantageous:

- Ability to communicate in isiXhosa or Afrikaans
- Experience with clinical databases and data management
- Experience in writing reports and analyzing data
- Current accredited Good Clinical Practice (GCP) certificate
- Current accredited BLS/ACLS certificate
- Experience working in clinical research and clinical trials
- Experience of how to successfully work in a multidisciplinary clinical team

Responsibilities:

- Clinical assessment, management, and referral of participants for screening and study follow up.
- Performance of study procedures and obtaining study specimens.
- Collection of clinical data from medical records.
- Completion of study documentation.
- Reporting of adverse events.
- Data capture, quality control and quality assurance.
- Preparation of ethics and regulatory applications.
- Development of study SOPs.
- Communication with clinical team, trial staff, and sponsor.
- Training and meeting attendance and preparation.
- Contribution to publications and presentation of research findings

The annual cost of employment is aligned to the Occupation Specific Dispensation (OSD) salary notch of Medical Officer, Grade 1 Notch 1- R858 528

Candidates may make informal enquiries in confidence via email to Dr Cari Stek at cari.stek@uct.ac.za

To apply, please email the documents below in a **single pdf** file to cidri-africa.recruitment@uct.ac.za

- UCT application form can be downloaded at <http://forms.uct.ac.za/hr201.doc>
- Cover letter
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)

An application which does not comply with the above requirements, will be regarded as incomplete. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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Closing date: 17 October 2023

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