



## RESEARCH OFFICER (12-month contract) Department of Medicine Faculty of Health Sciences

The Division of Allergology and Clinical Immunology at the Department of Medicine, University of Cape Town, requires applications for a **Research Officer** on a **Full Time (40 hours)** Fixed Term Contract **based at Groote Schuur Hospital**, Cape Town.

Together with the Division of Dermatology, the Division of Allergology and Immunology at the Department of Medicine, University of Cape Town has established a team to develop a registry and biorepository of African HIV-related Immune-Mediated Adverse Drug Reactions (IM-ADRs), most notably Severe Cutaneous Adverse Drug Reactions (SCAR). The purpose of this team is to define the epidemiology of treatment-limiting SCAR in SA through the expansion of a registry and biorepository of African-HIV related SCAR, to define genetic risk of these patients through clinical research and laboratory investigations and to determine the long-term health outcomes of SCAR patients. These aims are to be approached through the **IMARI Study**, Immune-mediated adverse drug reactions to HIV and TB treatments in South Africa: predict, prevent and improve long-term outcomes. A partnership with Walter Sisulu University has enabled expansion of the project to additional sites including Nelson Mandela Academic, Frere and Cecilia Makiwane Hospitals, Eastern Cape

The successful incumbent will be working as part of this team and will be primarily based at Groote Schuur Hospital, Cape Town.

### Minimum Requirements:

- MBBS Degree
- Registration with Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) as a clinical associate
- Willing to travel between Cape Town and Mthatha and potentially spend up to one week per month in Mthatha
- Keen interest in Clinical Research (particularly Allergy, Immunology and Dermatology)
- Computer skills (MS Office including Excel)

### Additional Preferable Requirements/skills:

- Valid Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Certification or willingness to attain
- Current knowledge of principles and practices of Clinical Research and Good Clinical Practice Standards
- Leadership experience, program management and organisational skills
- Manuscript writing experience
- Own transport
- Bilingual (English and isiXhosa)

### Responsibilities include (but not limited to):

- Screening, consent, documentation, and collection of samples for study participants
- Data collection/documentation of information from existing records and patient interviews.
- Providing clinical services to patients enrolled in research.
- Interface with site clinical and trial staff and regulatory personnel
- Taking care of the patients during their active treatment and follow up period
- Develop acceptable standards in clinical service delivery of disability and outpatient care
- Provide medical expertise to improve and enhance research nurse-related patient care.
- Ensure fair and ethical treatment of all patients involved in research.
- Taking care of the patients during their active treatment and follow up period.
- Collecting, compiling and analysis of patient's data
- Reporting and presentation of data to key stakeholders
- Ensure proper maintenance of Patient records, and data management including entry of data into electronic database (RedCap)
- Ensure that the study patient case record forms and clinical documentation meets good clinical practice standards
- Travel up to 1 x month to Mthatha (Nelson Mandela Academic Hospital, Mthatha) – Walter Sisulu University
- Support and collaboration with East London study sites including regular site visits.
- Travel locally and overseas for research-related meetings

### Additional Information:

- Working hours: 40 hours per week, Monday to Friday
- 12-month Fixed Term Contract
- Please note that research staff will have exposure to COVID19 patients during work in the hospital. We therefore cannot accept those categorised as high risk for COVID19.

The annual cost of employment is between R446 627 and R638 044

**To apply, please e-mail the documents listed below in a single pdf file to: [jonny.peter@uct.ac.za](mailto:jonny.peter@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.

**Telephone:** 021 650 2210

**Website:** <http://www.medicine.uct.ac.za/med/divisions/allergology-and-clinical-immunology>

**Reference number:** E231008

**Closing date:** 31 October 2023

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Should you not receive a response within 30 days of the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful.

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