



## RESEARCH OFFICER

3-year contract, Full time)

### Non-Communicable Disease Epidemiology Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics School of Public Health Faculty of Health Sciences

If you meet the requirements below, we invite you to apply for this full-time position in the School of Public Health.

Applications are invited for a three-year Research Officer position within the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the School of Public Health (SPH) for the Research Program affiliated with the AXA Chair Non-Communicable Disease Epidemiology.

The AXA Chair Program is focused on the intersection between infectious and non-communicable diseases. The focus of this research is on obesity, and type 2 diabetes risk in people living with HIV. A novel aspect will include the examination of the role of the gut microbiota and their circulating metabolites, and their role in altering disease risk. The AXA Research Program will capitalize on existing cohorts located in Gugulethu and Khayelitsha in the Cape Town metropole.

The successful candidate will be based at the University of Cape Town SPH, and work under the direction and supervision of the AXA Chair. The candidate will serve as the project manager for the AXA Chair studies and will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the research projects, from project planning and coordination, participant recruitment, data collection, sample analysis, statistical analysis and write-up. They will also be required to assist with student supervision.

#### Requirements:

- A doctoral degree in the health sciences, obtained within the last 10 years;
- Post-doctoral research experience within the last 5 years;
- Experience in project management, specifically relating to research studies involving human participants;
- Experience in data management;
- Strong evidence of excellence in statistical analyses; and
- Excellent writing skills.

#### Desired qualifications/Advantages:

- Experience in non-communicable disease research;
- Laboratory and/or epidemiology skills;
- Experience in a clinical setting
- Strong publication record with a minimum of 10 publications;
- Evidence of grantsmanship;

#### Responsibilities:

- Project management and research coordination.
- Staff supervision and training
- Data management
- Study results dissemination
- New grant applications

The annual cost of employment for 2023, including benefits, is between R638 044 to R853 709.

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

- UCT Application Form (download at <http://forms.uct.ac.za/hr201.doc>)
- Motivation letter that speaks to the requirement of the position
- 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.

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**Website:** [www.publichealth.uct.ac.za](http://www.publichealth.uct.ac.za)

**Reference number:** E230379

**Closing date:** 08 January 2024

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