



DIRECTOR: CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTRE (5-year renewable contract) **CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTRE** **FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

The University of Cape Town Faculty of Health Sciences

invites applications from suitably qualified candidates to fill the vacant Director of the Clinical Research Centre (CRC) position.

Based at Groote Schuur and Red Cross Hospitals, the Centre's state-of-the-art research facilities, research support infrastructure and experienced team of highly qualified staff, have solidified its global reputation for the successful conduct of international standard, phase I-IV studies across a broad spectrum of disease areas. The Centre's new Director will have the unique opportunity to work with the Faculty's highly productive Principal and Emerging Investigators to build on the Centre's decade long record of excellence, and expand its horizons. Terms for the successful candidate will include a renewable fixed-term 5-year contract post for 100% FTE for the first 2 years and 75% FTE from year 3 onwards (as the director will be expected to raise 25%FTE from studies on which they are PI).

The main purpose of this position is: to provide strategic leadership to the CRC to achieve its vision as a centre of excellence, that supports the Faculty of Health Sciences advance science and improve health in Africa, through excellent clinical research services, facilities and capacity to train emerging faculty investigators. The director should provide vision and strategy to improve current systems and/or implement new systems to enable long term financial sustainability, and to grow the research and training platform of the CRC and expand the reach and reputation of the CRC. The Director should develop, implement and deliver on this bold vision and strategy that realizes the potential for the CRC to be a recognized leader in clinical trials conduct and capacity development on the African continent.

The Director should be a strategic thinker experienced in leadership and management of clinical research units, a team leader to work with the CRC team and its clients and promote the CRC as a core research facility. The director should be knowledgeable about the conduct of the spectrum of clinical trials and have experience as Principal Investigator. Clients of the Centre include industry (pharmaceutical and devices) and clinical academics in the Faculty of Health Sciences, with government or regulatory bodies as potential partners. The director needs to understand the landscape of clinical research and grow a sustainable, competitive, and innovative enterprise. The director will lead, manage, and grow an efficient and dynamic team and firmly establish the CRC as a Centre of excellence in trials and clinical research programs. The director will be based at the CRC and will establish and maintain a management committee consisting of investigators doing research within the CRC. The director will bring studies into the CRC as PI that contribute to the running costs of the CRC.

For detailed information on this post, please view the job description on the following link: ([view](#))

To view and apply for this position, please visit the UCT Jobs site [View](#) (For Internal Applicants) and [View](#) (For external Applicants) to create a profile and to submit your application.

Closing date: 29 January 2025

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