



LABORATORY ASSISTANT (Payclass 05)

Department of Human Biology Faculty of Health Sciences

The Department of Human Biology invites suitable applicants for appointment to this permanent position as soon as possible.

The primary function will be to assist with all procedures within a university mortuary and dissection hall environment from maintenance to movement and processing of deceased human remains.

Requirements:

- NQF 4 (Grade 12) or equivalent.
- Minimum 6 months relevant working experience in a mortuary handling deceased human remains is essential.
- Ability to work with human cadaveric material, both fresh and embalmed.
- Ability to work independently as well as in a team.
- Meticulous and conscientious
- Physical ability to lift and handle heavy loads up to 40 kg.
- Minimum Code 08 drivers' licence, with minimum 1 year driving experience.
- General departmental duties as prescribed by line manager.
- Basic computer literacy

Advantageous:

- Health and safety knowledge within a laboratory environment.

Responsibilities:

- Working with human anatomical tissue. (e.g.: cadavers, wet specimens, and preparation of fresh cadaveric material for specific surgical workshops)
- Maintenance involving storage of embalmed cadavers.
- Assisting with various activities within the departmental mortuary. E.g.: preparation of cadaveric material for embalming purposes
- Assisting with setting up of various teaching and dissection laboratory practical sessions
- Assisting with the skeletonization of cadaveric material.
- Daily maintenance of cadavers in the levels 4+5 dissection laboratories.
- Cleaning of dissection halls and daily collection of dissected anatomical tissue after each dissection practical.
- Other general departmental duties pertaining to group activities. e.g.: examination script collation, examination logistics.
- Cleaning of Plastination unit, basement, and peripheral areas within the level 1 area including the cleaning of the departments 2 vehicles.
- Any reasonable instruction given by line manager within scope of practice.

The annual cost of employment, including benefits (*where applicable*), is between R244 979.00 and R288 206.00 if PASS.)

To apply, please e-mail the below documents in a **single pdf file** to Jody Eksteen jody.eksteen@uct.ac.za

UCT Application Form (download at <http://forms.uct.ac.za/hr201.doc>)

- Cover letter, and
- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Three contactable references

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 will be required to undergo a competency (practical assessment), driving, and pre-employment medical assessments.

Telephone: 021 406 6235

Website: www.hr.uct.ac.za

Reference number: E25331

Closing date: 31 March 2025

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