



Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health

Brain-Behaviour Unit

Postdoctoral fellow in the Philosophy/Ethics of Psychiatry

The Brain-Behaviour Unit (BBU), based in the Department of Psychiatry, is a multi-disciplinary collaborative initiative aimed at promoting research in particular areas of basic and clinical neuroscience. The unit seeks to bring together expertise on phenotyping, genotyping, cognotyping, brain Imaging, and molecular signatures in achieving this goal.

The BBU is seeking to appoint a postdoctoral fellow in the Philosophy/Ethics of Psychiatry.

Academic Criteria:

The postdoctoral fellow should have a recent doctorate in philosophy, applied ethics, psychology or psychiatry with clear evidence of scholarship at the intersection of philosophy, psychiatry and neuroscience. In particular, the fellow should have an interest in exploring practical and conceptual problems in mental health practice and research from bioethics, neuro-ethics or philosophical perspective.

The following conditions apply:

- i. Candidates should provide a two-page statement of intent about their proposed work. Work that is relevant to the ongoing clinical and research activities of the Department, or of the Neuroscience Institute would be particularly welcomed.
- ii. The Fellowship would be for 1 year, but with the possibility of renewal for a total of 3 years will be considered on evidence of satisfactory academic progress and availability of funds.
- iii. Postdoctoral research fellowships are only available to individuals who have achieved the doctoral degree within the past 5 years.
- iv. Applicants may not previously have held full-time permanent professional or academic posts.
- v. The value of the Fellowship for 1 year is R250 000.
- vi. The Fellowship is compliant with the SARS policies/rules and is therefore exempt from taxation.

Application Requirements:

Statements of intent, along with the documents mentioned below, must be emailed to both Prof Dan Stein (dan.stein@uct.ac.za) and Dr Andrea Palk (apalk@sun.ac.za).

- i. A letter of application stating areas of expertise, research interests, experience, etc.
- ii. Application form – attached below.
- iii. Curriculum Vitae including a list of publications/scholarly output.
- iv. Copies of academic transcripts.
- v. Letters of reference from at least two academics who have taught, supervised or worked alongside you.

Application closing date: 15 August 2020

Selection process: Eligible and complete applications will be considered.

The University of Cape Town reserves the right to:

- disqualify ineligible, incomplete and/or inappropriate applications;
- change the conditions of award; and/ or
- make no award at all