CDIA is a network of multidisciplinary researchers drawn from three major tertiary academic institutions in Cape Town (the University of Cape Town, Stellenbosch University and the University of the Western Cape), the South African Medical Research Council, Harvard University and Shree Hindu Mandal Hospital, Tanzania, as well as representatives from local and national Departments of Health. CDIA’s mission is to serve as a collaborating initiative for the development, evaluation and dissemination of methods and programmes to prevent NCDs and improve the quality of care for people with these diseases and their risk factors. This is achieved by establishing multidisciplinary teams of experts, including those in public health, clinical medicine, epidemiology, lifestyle modification, economics, health behaviour, translational research and health service management.

CDIA is inviting applications for a 1-2 year scholarship for a social scientist. The scholarship is intended to provide an opportunity for a social science student to work as part of a research team in developing and testing health promotion materials relating to chronic non-communicable diseases in South Africa.

The successful applicant will be based at the directorate of the CDIA which is located in the Old Main Building at Groote Schuur Hospital.

Requirements: Degrees that will allow the candidate to register for a master’s degree. Degrees in education, psychology, social work of allied health professions will be particularly appropriate. Training in qualitative research methods, computer skills and report writing skill will be necessary.

Value of Fellowship: R100 000

Applicants should submit his/her CV with names and contact details of 2 referees and a covering letter to Carmelita Sylvester at J 47/86, Old Groote Schuur Building, Groote Schuur Hospital, Observatory, 7925, telephone: (+27 21) 406 6572 or Email: Carmelita.Sylvester@uct.ac.za by 15 December 2011.

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