



RESEARCH OFFICER

(EIDM SPECIALIST)

Fixed T2- 3.5-years contract

VACFA UNIT

Department of Public Health and Family Medicine

Faculty of Health Sciences

The School of Public Health and Family Medicine, in the Faculty of Health Sciences at UCT provides a range of under- and postgraduate teaching in population-based public health sciences to students training to be health professionals. The School is looking for a research officer on a full-time basis to provide Evidence-Informed Decision-Making (EIDM) services to an exciting NITAG Support Hub (NISH) project. The project will be providing EIDM support on vaccines and immunization in the WHO Africa Region.

Requirements:

- PhD in Public Health or a related field
- At least 3-5 years post PhD experience in the EIDM field
- At least 3 publications in peer-reviewed journal in EIDM field
- Experience in teaching and supervision of students
- Experience in conducting research in EIDM
- Statistical skills applicable to EIDM
- Grant and report writing experience
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, including presentation skills

One or more of the following will be advantageous:

- Experience in vaccinology and in clinical trials will be advantageous
- Experience in supporting Monitoring, Learning and Evaluation (MLE)
- Experience working in collaborative research involving several African countries
- Experience in development of EIDM training materials
- Adaptable, willingness to learn and apply new skills in EIDM
- Ability to interact effectively with diverse range of people

Responsibilities will involve:

- Supporting the development of EIDM resources for use by members of National Immunization Technical Advisory Groups (NITAGs)
- Supporting the organization of Vaccinology and EIDM courses/workshops
- Facilitation of Vaccinology and EIDM courses/workshops
- Conducting diverse types of EIDM studies such as systematic reviews on EIDM in vaccines and immunization practices. You will be required to develop, design, and write up reviews (protocols and full reviews).
- Providing EIDM training (both remote and face-to-face) and support to members of NITAGs to use EIDM resources
- Supporting the development and using tools to conduct MLE related to the EIDM projects
- Contributes to website contents: VACFA's website is a critical tool for information dissemination and training of African vaccinologists. You will be involved in researching for information that can be put on the website, responding to queries from the website visitors and any other administrative duties regarding the optimal running of the website
- Co-supervision of interns and postgraduate students. You will not be directing their research; however, you would be involved in the daily co-supervision of conducting different types of reviews
- Support grant writing and funding applications
- Performing administrative duties that may be deemed necessary by the project leader

The annual cost of employment, including benefits, is between R 601 928 and R 805, 385.

Enquiries about this post should be directed to Dr. Benjamin Kagina at: benjamin.kagina@uct.ac.za

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

- UCT Application Form (download at <http://forms.uct.ac.za/hr201.doc>)
- Letter of motivation that speaks to the specific requirements of the position, and
- 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: <http://www.publichealth.uct.ac.za/>

Reference number: E220322

Closing date: 13 September 2022

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UCT reserves the right not to appoint.