

## Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the Accelerate Hub, Centre for Social Science Research

The [Centre for Social Science Research](#) (CSSR) seeks to recruit for a post-doctoral research fellowship in the [UKRI GCRF Accelerating Achievement for Africa's Adolescents \(Accelerate\) Hub](#). The Accelerate Hub is led by an interdisciplinary team at Oxford University and the University of Cape Town (UCT), with worldwide partners. It generates evidence on which *development accelerators* – alone and in synergy with each other – can support adolescents in Africa to reach multiple Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) such as health, safety, schooling, nutrition, and employment. The Accelerate Hub brings together five interdisciplinary work-packages using randomized control trials, observational cohort studies and adolescent participatory research all focused on supporting children and young people to thrive in the second decade of life: adolescence.

Our unified goal is to generate high-quality evidence to improve the lives of adolescents across countries in Africa. This post will work closely on preparing and analyzing longitudinal data from two cohort studies: the [Mzantsi Wakho](#) and the [HEY BABY](#) studies.

### Conditions of Award:

Eligible applicants must have completed their doctorate within the past 5 years, and may have not held any prior permanent academic posts.

A successful candidate will have:

- A doctorate in public health or a social science;
- Conducted research on adolescent health in lower- and middle-income countries;
- Experience in conducting quantitative studies, including fieldwork, data cleaning and analyses;
- Experience or training in cost-effectiveness analyses for healthcare provision (advantageous);
- Experience conducting advanced quantitative data analyses using software packages such as SPSS and STATA (R or MPlus preferred);
- Published first-authored papers in peer-reviewed publications of their field; and
- Presented at conferences.

A successful candidate will be required to complete the following research deliverables:

- Plan and conduct quantitative data analyses on topics agreed with principal investigator(s);
- Conduct literature reviews on topics related to analyses planned;
- Support data cleaning and data management as needed;
- Present analyses at seminars, workshops and conferences; and
- Prepare research findings for publication in peer-reviewed journals.

**The post is supervised by Dr Elona Toska and Prof Lucie Cluver.**

Moreover, this person:

- May not hold any other fellowships without permission of their supervisor;
- May not undertake employment of any nature without the permission of their supervisor; and
- Must comply with the University's approved policies, procedures and practices for the postdoctoral sector.

**Value and Tenure:**

The value of the fellowship is R365,000 - R435,000 per annum, depending on experience and qualifications, tenable for one year. Renewal for a further year may be considered and is contingent of satisfactory academic progress and availability of funds.

**Application Procedure:**

Eligible candidates should provide the following in ONE SINGLE PDF:

- A letter describing research interest and the candidate's suitability for the fellowship.
- A CV that includes details for all conference attendance, publications and any other scholarly research output, and the names of two academic referees who have taught/ supervised the candidate at university and can speak to their data analyses skills.
- A published written sample of their work that includes quantitative analyses led by the applicant.

Enquiries and completed application should be forwarded to:

Amanda Swartz at [acceleratehub@uct.ac.za](mailto:acceleratehub@uct.ac.za)

**Closing date for receipt of applications: 31 August 2020**

**Selection:** Eligible applicants will be considered by a sub-committee convened by the Accelerate Hub Senior Research Officer.

Please reference "**Accelerate Hub Postdoctoral Research Fellow**" in the email subject line.

The University of Cape Town reserves the right to disqualify ineligible, incomplete, and/or inappropriate applications, to change the conditions of award and/or to make no awards at all.
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