



DESIGNATED VETERINARIAN

Veterinary Scientific Services, Research Animal Facility Faculty of Health Sciences

We seek to attract a suitably qualified and experienced veterinarian to the post of Designated Veterinarian in the University of Cape Town's (UCT) Research Animal Facilities in the Faculty of Health Sciences. The ideal candidate would have an active interest in biomedical science; have experience in a range of clinical and surgical procedures in a variety of animal species; and an interest in education, training and supervision of animal research personnel. The post provides professional veterinary oversight of the care and use of animals for scientific purposes in the Faculty and plays a supervisory role for multiple facilities, personnel and processes. Animal welfare and research quality are paramount. Own research is encouraged. The candidate will join a highly motivated and dedicated team of veterinary and para-veterinary professionals. The primary line of reporting is to the Director of Veterinary Scientific Services, with secondary reporting to the Senior Manager, Office of Research Integrity, Research Office.

Requirements:

- BVSc degree or equivalent; Minimum of 3 years experience practicing as a veterinarian
- Registered with the South African Veterinary Council to practice as a veterinarian or a veterinary specialist
- Ability to multi-task, work under pressure, assume high level of responsibility, work alone as well as in a team
- Computer skills (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, professional email and efficient internet use)
- Excellent interpersonal skills, verbal and written communication skills
- Integrity, ethical nature, respect and care for animals
- Experience conducting research on animals or other relevant research or scientific experience
- Experience in curriculum development, presenting lectures, training courses or relevant presentations

Advantageous:

- A Masters/PhD qualification; veterinary specialisation in a relevant discipline; authoring publications
- Experience in a range of clinical and surgical procedures in a variety of animal species, including rodents
- Experience working under specified pathogen-free or biocontainment (biosafety laboratory) conditions
- Experience in the direct management or supervision of personnel or teams of people
- Experience in controlled quality-management and quality-assurance systems
- Experience serving as a member of institutional animal ethics committees
- Experience in the management of an animal facility, hospital or clinic

Responsibilities include:

- Provide dedicated clinical and para-clinical professional veterinary scientific services and support functions
- Oversight of compliance with laws & standards that govern the care and use of animals for scientific purposes
- Engage actively in the development, implementation and refinement of animal ethics compliance processes
- Teaching, training, competency assessment and the supervision of research personnel in clinical procedures
- Manage veterinary epidemiological oversight systems for animal health and wellbeing in multiple facilities
- Develop and provide education and training courses in the laboratory animal science field
- Collegial, active interaction with the animal research community

The annual cost of employment for 2017 including benefits is between R 512 522 – R 602 966, plus additional premium may apply based on relevant qualifications and experience.

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

- UCT Application Form (download at <http://forms.uct.ac.za/hr201.doc>)
- Motivational cover letter, and
- *Curriculum vitae* (CV)

Please ensure the title and reference number are indicated in the subject line. An application that does not comply with the above requirements will be regarded as incomplete. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Telephone: 021 650 2220

Website: <http://www.health.uct.ac.za/>

Reference number: E17017

Closing date: 06 March 2017

UCT is committed to the pursuit of excellence, diversity and redress in achieving its equity targets. Our Employment Equity Policy is available at <http://www.uct.ac.za/downloads/uct.ac.za/about/policies/eepolicy.pdf>. For this post we seek particularly to attract black (i.e. African, Coloured or Indian) South African candidates.

UCT reserves the right not to appoint.