



RESEARCH OFFICER / SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER: Perinatal Mental Health Project

Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health
Faculty of Health Sciences

The Perinatal Mental Health Project (PMHP) requires the services of a Research Officer/Senior Research Officer (SRO). This is a full time post for a **one-year contract** with appointment starting as soon as possible. The appointee will be based at the PMHP offices on UCT's Sawkins Road campus, but may need to travel locally and nationally.

Requirements:

- Masters degree in Public Health or Psychology (or similar training and skills set).
- Track record of publications in peer-reviewed journals
- Thorough working knowledge of statistical packages for data analysis
- Ability to conduct and analyse qualitative and quantitative research
- Advanced organizational, prioritization and time-management skills
- Excellent writing skills – including academic and report writing
- Ability to prioritize large volumes of work, and to meet deadlines efficiently
- Ability to coordinate and manage the day-to-day operations of the research and data collection activities of multiple sites
- Knowledge of principles of research design, ethical and regulatory requirements of research involving human subjects
- Ability to maintain records of research activities, and prepare periodic and ad hoc reports, as required by investigator, administrator, funding agencies, and/or regulatory bodies
- Ability to organize various study meetings, site monitoring visits, other research related meetings and events
- Highly proficient computer skills, including word processing, preparation of spreadsheet and presentations, and navigation of the online programs or databases available on the Internet
- Ability to work well as member of a team as well as independently
- Valid driving license and own car
- Willingness to travel to sites around Cape Town and other parts of South Africa

Additional qualification required for Senior Research Officer:

- PhD in relevant discipline (e.g. Public Health, Psychology, Development studies etc.)
- Evidence of procuring research grant awards
- Experience in liaising with international researchers and programmes
- Experience of research project management at senior level
- Experience in supervision of post-graduate students
- Interest in women's mental health

Responsibilities:

- Co-ordinate PMHP research activities
- Contribute to other research projects with which the PMHP partners
- Pursue research grants for the PMHP

The annual cost of employment is between:

Research Officer: R292,402 – R558,915
Senior Research Officer: R333,692 – R687,208

Annual remuneration is at the level of a full-time Research Officer or Senior Research Officer, dependent on qualifications and experience. Should the appointed candidate be successful in generating research funding, this may enable extension of the contract, pending measurable outputs. Any suitably qualified person, with a valid South African work permit will be considered.

To apply, please e-mail the below documents in a **single pdf file** to Sally Field (Perinatal Mental Health Project Coordinator) at sally.field@uct.ac.za:

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

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.

Telephone: 021 689 8390 (mornings only) **Website:** www.pmhp.za.org
Reference number: E60909 **Closing date:** 06 October 2016

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UCT reserves the right not to appoint.