**The Centre for Infectious Disease Epidemiology (CIDER)** is a multidisciplinary infectious disease research centre addressing priority research questions related to HIV and tuberculosis clinical epidemiology and delivery of health services. PhD projects are available for projects conducting prospective cohort studies with HIV-infected pregnant women, province-wide analyses of secondary data on the interface of maternal nd child with HIV treatment services, and health service evaluations of innovative models of HIV care provision.

**Full-time funded PhD degrees in Public Health**

**Centre for Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Research**

**School of Public Health and Family Medicine**

**Faculty of Health Sciences**

**University of Cape Town**

Suitable applicants are invited to apply for fully-funded PhD scholarships to conduct research on NIH-funded projects in the areas of maternal and child health and HIV treatment services.

**Conditions of Award:**

The successful candidate will be required to:

* Register for full-time study as a PhD student at the University of Cape Town
* Undertake research that may include collecting data or over-seeing data collection, data management, development of information systems, reviewing data quality, conducting statistical analyses and writing up of results for publication in peer-reviewed manuscripts and stakeholder reports.
* As part of the candidate’s professional development, full participation will be required in all CIDER academic activities while based at UCT.
* Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with her/his UCT doctoral supervisor and adhere to the plans and agreements therein. Comply with UCT’s approved policies, procedures and practices for postgraduate students.
* No employment may be undertaken alongside the full-time studies.
* No services unrelated to the PhD project will be required
* No benefits or travel allowances are included in the value of the Fellowship

 **Value and tenure:**

The value of the Fellowships will be an annual amount commensurate with after-tax remuneration appropriate to candidates’ experience and qualifications, including some accommodation of clinical qualifications, on the assumption that no paid work will be undertaken alongside the full-time studies (R250 000 and R500 000). The tenure of the Fellowship is for one year, with renewal for a further two years depending on satisfactory academic progress.

**Academic Criteria:**

**Eligible candidates will:**

* **Be in possession of a** Master’s degree in Epidemiology/Statistics/Public Health/Information, computer or data science, or a cognate discipline from a recognized institution. Clinicians with post-graduate qualifications are encouraged to apply.
* Have proven analytic skills and experience analyzing and writing up results for peer-reviewed publication in the field of HIV.
* Be currently undertaking research or training in a resource-limited setting with a demonstrated commitment to working in a resource-limited setting after the fellowship period.

*Experience or interest in HIV care and/or maternal and child health would be advantageous.*

**Application requirements**

All applications must include:

1. A letter of application stating the candidate's areas of research expertise, research interests, and experience.
2. A CV including a full list of publications.
3. Certified copies of all academic transcripts and degree certificates.
4. Names and contact details of at least two referees **OR** letters of reference from at least two referees who have taught, supervised, or worked with the applicant.

**Selection Process**

Eligible and complete applications will be considered by A/Professor A Boulle and Professor L Myer.

*UCT is committed to the pursuit of excellence, diversity and redress in achieving its equity targets.*

**Contact details for submission of applications and for enquiries:**

Informal queries can be directed to A/Professor Andrew Boulle and Professor L Myer: The Selection Committee

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