



Project Coordinator/Quantitative Research Fellow: We invite applicants for a 12 month research fellowship in the first instance, starting in 2016

Location: Africa Centre for Population Health, KZN, South Africa

Funding for: South African nationals, **and** other African nationals

Hours: full-time

The Africa Centre for Population Health is a joint initiative of the University of KwaZulu-Natal and the South African Medical Research Council, with support from the Wellcome Trust and other funders, to create a global centre of research excellence in a rural area. The Centre's mission is to conduct in partnership with the community, policy-relevant health and population research in an ethical manner, and to enhance the capacity of the people of sub-Saharan Africa to conduct research.

The Centre is situated in the rural district of Umkhanyakude in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, which has one of the highest HIV prevalence globally. The Centre's core activity, since 2000, is demographic and health surveillance in an area with a population of around 100,000 people. Starting in 2003, a nested HIV surveillance has been conducted among residents aged 15 years and above. The development of clinical research platform linking data from several sources with Demographic Information System data makes the Africa Centre one of the very few places in the world with such high quality data covering the HIV epidemic.

This fellowship is offered as part of the new HAYA research programme in adolescent health and wellbeing. The work of this fellowship will include development of leadership skills in field research and quantitative analysis skills. The role will include coordinating a population-based survey of reproductive tract infections among young people aged 15 to 24 years old, and providing statistical analysis of the enrolment data. Coordination will include liaising with international investigators and laboratory, population and clinical platform leads at the Africa Centre.

Eligible Requirements:

The successful applicant for this role will lead a population-based survey of reproductive tract infections and should therefore be able to demonstrate how their experience has helped to cultivate the specific skills sought for this role. All candidates will need to have a background in basic statistics.

Consideration will be given to applicants with a PhD in epidemiology or Masters level training with relevant experience in adolescent or reproductive/sexual health. Demonstrable ability with basic statistics and experience in at least one substantial data analysis is desirable. Prior experience of coordinating research project in sub-Saharan Africa will be a plus.

For information on how to apply, completed nomination and reference forms kindly visit:
www.hayarsearchunit.com

Please note, applications that are submitted without the correct procedure may not be considered. Please address any informal enquiries to Dr Deborah Farmer @ deborah.farmer@ishtm.ac.uk. Applications are to be submitted to haya@ishtm.ac.uk or acemployment@afriacentre.ac.za. The closing date for all applications is 12 August 2016.

Postal : PO Box 198, Mtubatuba 3935, South Africa
Physical : Africa Centre, R618 en route to Hlabisa, Somkhele
Tel. : +27 (0)35 550 7500
Fax : +27 (0)35 550 7565
Email : info@afriacentre.ac.za
Web : www.afriacentre.com

Patron: HRH King Goodwill Zwelithini

wellcometrust