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**COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES  
Fieldworker: Ethnographic Study  
(1 year fixed term contract)  
Department of Geriatric Medicine  
SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE**

**Ref No.: T/CM10/2022**

The Department of Geriatrics at UKZN and the Department of Orthopaedics at the University of Witwatersrand are seeking a dynamic and experienced individual to fill the position of *Ethnographic Researcher* for the Fractures in Sub-Saharan Africa: Epidemiology, economic impact and ethnography study (FRACTURES E3). The incumbent will be based in Gauteng at the Department of Orthopaedics at the University of Witwatersrand and will report to Professor M Lukhele.

**The key responsibilities for this post are:**

- Organise research visits, interviews, observational fieldwork, including contact with potential participants such as patients who have had a hip fracture and their family members/ carers, healthcare professionals delivering hip fracture care and traditional practitioners such as traditional bone setters.
- Maintain log of participants using study systems to do so
- Carry out qualitative interviews and observational fieldwork on experiences of accessing and delivering care for hip fractures
- Share insights and ideas about the data during collaborative team meetings
- Translate and transcribe audio recordings from interviews and focus groups according to study protocols
- Anonymise transcriptions and observational field notes
- File data appropriately and transfer to researchers at the University of Bristol in keeping with policies
- Attend weekly and all other regular meetings with the in-country and wider study team, using remote video conferencing (e.g. Zoom, Teams)
- If circumstances permit, attend in person meetings

**Minimum requirements:**

- Undergraduate degree in relevant discipline such as a BSc or BA (examples include sociology, psychology, anthropology, health services research)
- At least 1 years' experience in qualitative health research with experience carrying out qualitative interviews and/ or focus groups using a topic guide
- Experience of organising research visits, fieldwork, interviews, including contact with potential participants and arranging own travel and diary to conduct data collection

- Experience of translating and transcribing qualitative interviews and/ or focus groups according to study protocols
- Knowledge of sound ethical practice in the conduct of research
- Fluent in English, isiZulu and SeSotho
- Resident in Gauteng
- Self-motivated, proactive, innovative, and able to use initiative where appropriate
- Willingness and ability to travel (using own transport) to conduct fieldwork which may necessitate overnight stays

### **Essential Requirements:**

- Evidence of good English-language writing skills, showing accuracy, clarity of expression and attention to detail
- Experience in contributing to team meetings
- Excellent communication skills with good listening and observational skills
- Able to operate online software on a tablet device
- Good time management skills
- Experience carrying out observational fieldwork using observational checklist, taking fieldnotes and writing into full fieldnotes for analysis
- Experience working within a collaborative study team to contribute to interpretation of findings
- Experience in producing written reports of research finding or contributing to articles published in peer-reviewed journals
- Experience in giving presentation of research and research findings at meetings using Powerpoint

This post reports to Principal Investigator and the Study Coordinator. Inquiries regarding this post may be directed to **Ms. N Ndlovu on 0312604682**. The job profile is available from Ms. N Ndlovu e-mail: [ndlovun2@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:ndlovun2@ukzn.ac.za) You are invited to visit the College website at <http://chs.ukzn.ac.za/Homepage.aspx>

**The total remunerative salary is R 206 354 per annum. The closing date for receipt of applications is 31 March 2022. The University reserves the right not to make any appointment.**

**Applicants are required to complete the relevant application form, which is available on the Vacancies website at [www.ukzn.ac.za](http://www.ukzn.ac.za). Completed support application forms may be sent to [ndlovun2@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:ndlovun2@ukzn.ac.za).**

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