



BURDEN OF DISEASE RESEARCH UNIT (PAROW, WESTERN CAPE)

The South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) strives to improve the nation's health and quality of life by funding and conducting relevant and leading health research. It further aims to promote equity, career development and progression. The organisation prides itself on three core values: being pioneering, striving for excellence and working collaboratively.

PROJECT LEADER: Linkage2Care Study Twelve (12) - months full time contract

The South African Medical Research Council's Burden of Disease Research Unit seeks to appoint an experienced Project Leader to undertake both quantitative and qualitative data analysis for a study in UThukela District, KZN. The incumbent, experienced in analysing health systems research data, will be required to work in a team. The focus of the study is to strengthen district-level capacity to enhance linkages to and retention to HIV care, through implementation of a combination of interventions and through strategic use of routine programmatic information, as Universal Test and Treat (UTT) is increasingly taken up by the adult population in South Africa.

Responsibilities:

- Responsible for all aspects of the Enhancing linkage to and retention in HIV care study;
- Management of research project, timeline, budget, staff development, performance, and output quality.
- Oversee and coordinate all research activities
- Liaise with relevant provincial/district authorities and facility managers
- Assist Principal Investigator (PI)/Co-PIs to co-ordinate logistics for data collection at study sites
- Manage and co-ordinate data collection teams and activities

- Ensure on-going quality control of data collection
- Undertake data analysis and other data management tasks
- Be familiar with all the policies and procedures related to the project
- Keep PI/Co-PI and others informed about project status and issues that may impact on progress
- Create and maintain comprehensive project documentation, plans and reports
- Provide support to formulate publications such as scientific articles, training manuals, reports and policy briefs

Core Requirements:

- MPH Degree or MSc in Project Management, Allied Health Sciences, Health Information Systems or Informatics or a related field
- At least four (4) years' work experience, post qualification, in a health systems research or public health related environment, with experience in collecting survey data using RedCap, and/or monitoring and evaluation
- An understanding of South African health care services and clinical aspects of HIV care
- Experience in statistical analysis using STATA, Atlas TI and Ms Excel
- Experience in data management using RedCap
- Valid Good Clinical Practice Certificate
- Valid unendorsed code 8 driver's license
- Willingness to travel.

Advantageous:

- Advance working knowledge in both quantitative and qualitative research methodologies
- Fluency in spoken and written English
- Professional written communication and presentation skills
- Relevant workplace numeric and multiple project management ability
- Advanced analytical ability and problem solving acumen
- Advanced computer skills in MS Office packages and project management tools
- Pro-active, self-motivated, energetic, flexible, adaptive and innovative
- Ability to work independently whilst still working effectively and collaboratively in a multi-disciplinary team especially over periods of irregular hours.

Preference will be afforded to candidates who: • Have experience of working in township settings • Ability to speak isiZulu, and isiXhosa.

A salary in the region of R516 625 per annum, cost-to-company.

Please go to the following Web Site to complete an online application

<https://forms.gle/bt6iVoesGeP3BT8i6>

Closing date: 19 May 2019

PLEASE QUOTE THE REFERENCE NUMBER (R256A) IN ALL COMMUNICATIONS. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOUR SUBMISSION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED SHOULD YOUR APPLICATION NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE REQUIRED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION.

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