FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Maternal and Child Health

Type: Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in the within the research niche area of Maternal and Child Health. The fellowships is a two-year fixed contract subject to satisfactory annual performance. The tax-free stipend is R300 000 per annum.

Introduction

The Faculty of Health Sciences invites applications for a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship within its Maternal and Child Health research niche area. The fellowship forms part of the University's commitment to strengthening research excellence, promoting innovation, and developing sustainable research capacity. The successful candidate will work under the supervision of Prof. TI Ramavhoya and contribute to high-quality, impactful research that addresses priority maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health challenges in South Africa and comparable settings.

The fellowship offers an excellent opportunity for an early-career researcher to advance an independent research profile while collaborating with multidisciplinary teams, contributing to postgraduate supervision, and disseminating research findings through peer-reviewed publications, conference presentations, and stakeholder engagement.

Requirements

- A PhD in Public Health, Nursing, Epidemiology, Health Sciences, or a closely related discipline obtained within the past five (5) years.
- Demonstrated research experience in maternal and child health or a related field, evidenced by peer-reviewed publications.
- A strong record of scientific writing, data analysis, and research methodology (quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods).
- Excellent communication, interpersonal, and organisational skills, with the ability to work both independently and collaboratively.

Duties and Responsibilities

The successful candidate will:

- Conduct high-quality research aligned with the Faculty's Maternal and Child Health research agenda.
- Develop and implement research protocols in collaboration with the host supervisor.
- Publish research findings in accredited, peer-reviewed journals.

- Present research outputs at national and international conferences.
- Contribute to the development of research proposals and grant applications.
- Support postgraduate student research through mentorship and scholarly engagement where appropriate.
- Participate in research seminars, workshops, and other academic activities within the Faculty.
- Engage with relevant stakeholders to facilitate research translation and impact.
- Prepare technical and progress reports as required by the University and funding bodies.
- Perform any other research-related duties assigned by the host supervisor.

Expected Outputs

The successful fellow will be expected to:

- Publish at least 4 peer-reviewed journal articles during the fellowship period.
- Present research findings at national and/or international scientific conferences.
- Contribute to externally funded research proposals.
- Participate actively in the Department's research activities and postgraduate research environment.
- Produce research outputs that contribute to improving maternal and child health policies and practices.

The fellowship is intended for highly motivated researchers who are committed to advancing knowledge, generating impactful research, and contributing to the University's vision of research excellence and societal impact.

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CLOSING DATE: 23RD OCTOBER 2026

Please submit motivation letter clearly outlining your suitability and proposed research agenda, a detailed CV with all your names, addresses, contact details and e-mail address and include contact numbers of three (3) referees, certified copies of all qualifications including Matric / Grade 12 Certificate, academic transcripts, copies of selected recent peer-reviewed publications and a South African ID/ Passport should be forwarded to Human Resources Officer, e-mail applications recruitment15@ul.ac.za

Telephonic enquiries regarding conditions of service: **Ms NA Mbatsane** (**Tel 015 268 2800)**

It is the applicant's responsibility to have foreign obtained qualifications evaluated by the South African qualifications Authority. Please note that failure to submit the requested documents / information will result in your application not being considered.

The University of Limpopo is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All appointments will be made in accordance with University's Employment Equity Police. Preference: **Postdoctoral Fellowship** will be given to Males (African & Indian) and Female (African)

Correspondence will be limited to short-listed candidates only. Applicants who have not been contacted within 30 days of the closing date must consider their applicants as unsuccessful.

The University reserves the right not to make an appointment.