



RESEARCH OFFICER

(3.5 Years contract)

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND MENTAL HEALTH
FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The Centre for Public Mental Health in the Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health has been awarded a research grant: *Strengthening Responses to Dementia in Developing Countries (STRiDE)*. STRiDE is a Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) funded study working in 7 developing countries: South Africa, Mexico, Jamaica, Brazil, Kenya, India and Indonesia. The lead institution is the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) with UCT as a sub-contracted partner. The aim of STRiDE is to improve the lives of people with dementia and their carers and ensure that they do not experience undue economic hardship through completing research in 8 separate work packages. The UCT team will be led by A/Prof Marguerite Schneider and will focus on dementia costs and care in South Africa. This will include conducting qualitative and quantitative research on the experiences of care and costs of care of people with dementia and their carers. The role of the UCT Research Officer will be to coordinate the South African component of the study and work closely with the Alzheimer's South Africa Association to conduct the STRiDE research components. This will include being involved in the design of the South African component, assisting with coordinating data collection and analysis, and writing up of study findings for publication in peer reviewed scientific journal articles and policy briefs. The successful candidate will also take part in a wide range of capacity building activities provided by STRiDE together with early career researchers from other participating countries. The position is to be filled on a full-time basis for 3.5 years starting as soon as possible.

This is an early career researcher position that provides capacity building in a range of research methods and in conducting research.

Requirements include:

- Masters **or** PhD **or** MBChB with strong research experience, in a relevant field (e.g. psychology, public health, social science, health economics).
- At least 3 years of experience working in public health or psychology research in low resource settings.

Specific experience or interest in dementia or ageing would be an advantage.

Responsibilities include:

- Conducting relevant tasks at country level as required by the STRiDE programme for the relevant work packages. This includes, conducting qualitative and/or quantitative research and a situational analysis of dementia in South Africa,
- Preparing all required materials for these tasks
- Collecting, cleaning and analysing data and preparing reports and journal articles based on these findings.
- Publishing research findings in peer reviewed journal articles, either as lead author or co-author.
- Presenting research findings at conferences.
- Reporting to the UCT STRiDE Principal Investigator
- Monitoring relevant indicators of project progress, as set out in the terms of reference in the contract with the London School of Economics and Political Science
- Preparing reports on indicators of progress with South African components of the work packages
- Submitting reports to the UCT STRiDE PI for submission to the STRiDE PI at LSE.
- Working with the UCT STRiDE PI and administrator to ensure the smooth running of the research tasks, including but not limited to making travel arrangements, maintaining project files, and organizing meetings with relevant stakeholders and working closely with the Alzheimer's South Africa.
- Attending weekly meetings of the UCT STRiDE team and works in a collaborative collegial manner with colleagues, and attending broader STRiDE programme meetings with other participating countries as required.
- Assisting with setting up the country advisory group in collaboration with Alzheimer's South Africa
- Keeping all members of the Advisory group informed of project progress, new developments and meetings
- Preparing communications material for knowledge exchange within country and to other STRiDE partners.
- Participating in all relevant early career related capacity building activities within the STRiDE project.
- Be willing and able to travel outside of South Africa to participate in STRiDE meetings and Capacity Building activities.

The annual remuneration package, including benefits, is negotiable between R478,207 and R560,000.

For further information regarding this position, please contact A/Professor Marguerite Schneider on marquerite.schneider@uct.ac.za

To apply, please forward the below documents in a **single pdf file** to Ms Vathiswa Mbangi at recruitment05@uct.ac.za

- UCT Application Form (download at <http://forms.uct.ac.za/hr201.doc>)
- Cover letter and Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Please ensure the title and reference number are indicated in the subject line.

An application which does not comply with the above requirements will be regarded as incomplete. Shortlisted candidates may be required to undergo a competency test.

Faculty website: www.psychiatry.uct.ac.za

Centre for Public Mental Health website: www.cpmh.org.za

Telephone: 021 650 3003

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