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| Job Title | : | Clinical Research Fellow (STI Research Projects) |
| Annual Salary | : | Occupation Specific Dispensation (OSD) |
| Location | : | East London |
| Department | : | Research Unit |
| Reporting to | : | Head of Research Unit |

Purpose of the position:

To conduct rigorous scientific research in the field of bacterial sexually transmitted infections by supporting project implementation, providing clinical oversight and capacity building, data analysis and dissemination. Capacity to write grant applications will be developed and the opportunity to pursue a PhD/MSc in this field provided.

Main responsibilities:

- To work closely with the Project Managers and support implementation of the STI research projects on daily basis through weekly team meetings and advisory/supportive role.
- To provide clinical support and mentoring on genital and sexual health medicine issues, including the infectious diseases, urology, gynaecology, and dermatology aspects of the projects.
- To lead a clinical capacity building programme for research staff in the field of STIs through trainings and case discussions.
- To work closely with data team to establish and analyse STI research databases. Support all aspects of clinical data analysis and dissemination to stakeholders and collaborators.
- To work closely with the project collaborators in South Africa (University of Cape Town; University of Pretoria) and the various international project partners to generate scientific ideas, concepts, and outputs.
- To write scientific manuscripts of clinical research data collected in the various STI databases, and through rigorous literature review (opinion pieces; reviews).
- To support preparations, recruit and manage participants in an upcoming vaccine trial.
- To contribute to (inter)national technical working groups and other appropriate stakeholder and policy development platforms.
- To write grant applications to expand FPD's research portfolio in the field of STIs.

Essential Qualification and Registration:

- MBChB
- Diploma in HIV Management
- Active registration with HPCSA as medical practitioner.

Advantageous qualifications:

- MSc in Public Health, Epidemiology, or related degree.
- Certificate of Good Clinical Practice.

Job related experience:

- Strong knowledge of the WHO Global Health Sector STI strategy and the South African guidelines for management of STIs.
- Research experience (advantageous).
- Minimum of two years' working experience as medical practitioner in the public health sector.
- Experience in clinical research and/or clinical trials (advantageous).

Additional requirements:

- Valid code 08 driver's license.
- Willingness to travel.
- Proficiency in reading, speaking, and writing Xhosa and English.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office.
- Proficiency in another local language (advantageous).

Applicants are advised that the Foundation for Professional Development has elected to implement a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy to protect the health and safety of its employees, faculty, students, clients, and others who work with, train, or receive other services from FPD.

Closing date for applications: 11 July 2022 at 16h00

Interested candidates should forward a motivational letter and CV to recruitment@foundation.co.za.

For enquiries, please contact Leah Maenetja on leahm@foundation.co.za.

Please note:

Only applicants shortlisted for interviews will be contacted. If you have not been contacted within 1 month after the closing date of this advertisement, please accept that your application was unsuccessful.