



THEMBAKAZI TRUST SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN BIOLOGY
FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The UCT/MRC Research Unit for Exercise Science and Sports Medicine (ESSM) at the University of Cape Town is seeking a driven person with a passion for research in musculoskeletal pathology to manage the academic research objectives of the Thembakazi Trust. The appointment is on a three-year contract.

Requirements include:

- The applicant must have a minimum academic qualification of a PhD in the human biological sciences.
- 3-5 year post-doctoral experience in musculoskeletal tissue research.
- A proven track record in scholarly publications in musculoskeletal tissue research.
- Experience in the management of staff and/or students and a proven track record in the management of orthopaedic clinical trials.
- Previous experience in postgraduate student supervision and lecturing at a postgraduate level.

Responsibilities include:

- The management of clinical trials undertaken by the Thembakazi Trust.
- Engaging in all aspects of the clinical and basic orthopaedic research processes between ESSM and the Sports Science Orthopaedic Clinic, supported by the Trust.
- Manage the research and professional relationship between the Sports Science Orthopaedic clinic and ESSM.
- Manage the research projects of all research undertaken by the Sports Science Orthopaedic Clinic and ESSM, supported by the Thembakazi Trust.
- Formulate research proposals conceptualized independently or by peers (Orthopaedic Surgeons, physicians and researchers).
- Formulate ethics proposals and manage all ethics correspondence for all studies or trials supported by the Thembakazi trust.
- Conduct research studies and clinical trials undertaken by the Thembakazi trust.
- Where appropriate, manage and analyse data collected.
- Produce peer-reviewed publications as either the primary and/or co-author.
- Writing reports to research participants and donors.
- Supervise undergraduate SSM projects and postgraduate research.
- Give specific lectures to postgraduate students.
- Organise and facilitate meetings and professional relationships between sponsors, donors, clinicians and/or researchers.
- Manage funds for clinical trials and other research generated funds.

The annual remuneration package, including benefits for 2011, is negotiable between R320 000 and R350 000. *Please note: the annual remuneration package, including benefits for 2012 is currently under review.*

Application process:

To apply, please e-mail the completed [UCT Application form](#) and all other relevant documentation as indicated on the form, to Mrs Melanie Falken, Staff Recruitment and Selection, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch, 7700.

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The application form can also be downloaded at <http://web.uct.ac.za/depts/sapweb/forms/hr201.doc>.

An application which does not comply with the above requirements will be regarded as incomplete.

Reference number for this position: **SR226/11**

Closing date for applications: **30 November 2011**

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