

Medical Education Partnership Initiative MEPI One month Fellowship: Research Ethics

The UKZN Medical Education Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Programme is offering two research ethics fellowship opportunities in 2014 to two UKZN PhD (full or part time) candidates registered in one of the following areas: biomedical/ health science/ social science in a health-related field of study. This offer will be repeated in the first semester of 2015.

The candidates will shadow the UKZN Biomedical Research Ethics Committee ([BREC](#)) Chair for +/- 16 hours (two days) a week for duration of up to six weeks. The candidate is expected to have had some prior exposure to and experience of health research ethics.

The aim of this fellowship is to provide training and allow the candidate to gain an understanding of the theoretical and operational aspects of research ethics review, and the roles and responsibilities of health-related Research Ethics Committees. A structured programme of reading will also be provided. The candidate will also contribute to ethics review and related services and attend formal BREC meetings. The goal is ultimately to improve institutional research ethics capacity at UKZN, provincially and nationally.

Duration: +/- 16 hours per week for a period of 6 weeks (total 96 hours)

Venue: University of KwaZulu-Natal – Research Office, Westville Campus, Durban

Dates: 01 May 2014 to 16 June 2014 (Note: dates are negotiable)

A stipend will be offered to the candidates in order to support the candidates and cover costs incurred during the placement. Please note that the stipend will be paid at the end of the fellowship and is subject to all the fellowship responsibilities being met. The candidate will have to submit a written evaluation report at the end of the fellowship.

Who should apply:

Applications are invited from UKZN students registered for a PhD in the biomedical, health sciences or social science in a health related field of study. Please note that the successful student will be required to make their own travel arrangements to and from the training site which is largely at the UKZN Research Office, Westville Campus.

PhD students currently in receipt of other UKZN fellowships/bursaries/awards may be ineligible depending on the conditions of the awards.

Application

Please complete and forward the enclosed application to singhn7@ukzn.ac.za. The completed application form must be accompanied by a **1 page CV** and **signed letter of support from the PhD supervisor**. **Incomplete applications will not be considered**. Please submit your application no later than **16 April 2014**.

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APPLICATION FORM

If you wish to be considered for this fellowship at University of KwaZulu-Natal, Westville Campus, Durban, South Africa from 01 May 2014 to 16 June 2014 please complete and return only the form below to singhn7@ukzn.ac.za by **16 April 2014**.

Name			
Title (Dr, Professor, Ms, etc)			
Gender	Male		Female
Race			
Postal Address			
Country of residence			
Email			
Phone Number			
Student number			
College registered at			
Qualifications			
Please declare the source and amount of all fellowships/bursaries/awards used to fund your current studies			
Rate your ethics knowledge/experience and list any academic training you might have received			

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<p>Please provide an overview of your PhD research (150 words)</p>	
<p>Description of current work (100 words)</p>	
<p>Brief statement of how this fellowship will further your career goals and why you should be accepted. (up to 150 words)</p>	
<p>Please provide a letter of support from PhD supervisor. Please also provide the name and contact details (email, phone number and address) of your supervisor.</p>	

Please ensure that you have:

- completed and signed the **application form** in full
- provided a brief (**1 page**) **CV**
- provided a **letter of support** from a suitable referee



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I understand that the selection committees' decision of acceptance will be final.

Signature: Date:

Supervisor: Title:

Name: Date:

Supervisor signature.....

Preferably, email to: singhn7@ukzn.ac.za

or Fax to : +27 33 260 6065

Phone contact +27 33 260 6165

Closing date for applications 16 April 2014