

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW

Organization:

Health Economics & HIV & AIDS Research Division (HEARD), University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN).

Type:

One (1) Year Fixed Term Post-Doctoral Scholarship (Renewal subject to performance & funding availability).

Location:

University of KwaZulu-Natal, Westville Campus, Durban, South Africa.

Focal Area:

Mental health and psycho-social support services for adolescents and young adults (AYA).

We are seeking a highly motivated and skilled postdoctoral fellow to join our qualitative study focused on co-designing a context-specific intervention to enhance the care model for addressing the mental health and psycho-social support needs of adolescents and young adults (AYA) in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. This project emphasizes stakeholder engagement to ensure the intervention is both context-specific and sustainable.

The successful candidate will engage with adolescents, caregivers, and government officials from the Department of Health, Department of Education, and Department of Social Development. Additionally, the study involves collaboration with academics from other national and international institutions.

Eligibility criteria:

- A doctorate in Psychology, Development Studies, Anthropology and other relevant Social Science fields.
- Eligible applicants must have completed their doctorate within the past 5 years.
- The applicant should not be older than 45 years at the closing date of applications.
- Experience in qualitative research with adolescents and young people.
- Strong interest and experience in conducting participatory research.

- Strong analytical and writing skills in English.
- A research track report and minimum of 1 peer review journal article.
- Experience conducting qualitative data analysis using software such as Nvivo, ATLAS.ti, etc.
- Be based at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Westville Campus for the duration of the scholarship.
- A valid driver's licence and the ability to travel for work.
- Fluency in isiZulu

Applications & queries

- **Closing date: Friday, 2nd August 2024**
- A one-page summary outlining your research interest and how this opportunity may advance your future professional trajectory
- A full curriculum vitae, including all conference attendance, publications and other scholarly research output
- All qualification certificates
- A copy of ID or passport, copy of visa etc.
- Names and contact details of at least two referees who have supervised or worked with you and can speak about their experience and your skills. Email enquiries and application to Mrs Robyn-Lee Wagner, heardhr@ukzn.ac.za, 031 260 7873. Please use the subject heading: **Application for Postdoctoral Fellowship: AYA project** *Please note: Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered. Postdoctoral scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis, considering the applicant's academic achievements.*