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**Doctoral student - MhINT Recovery (3 years dependant on jointly agreed deliverables)**

**College of Health Sciences  
Centre for Research in Health systems  
School of Nursing and Public Health**

**Durban and uMgungundlovu  
District**

**Reference Number: MHP2/RA2025**

**Preamble:** The CRH conducts research to strengthen health systems with a focus on developing and testing innovations and service delivery improvement within resource constrained settings, extending to improving governance, participation, and universal health coverage.

**Project description: Feasibility and acceptability of critical time intervention to support people with severe mental illness following post-acute hospital discharge in South Africa**

Evidence-based interventions in low-and-middle income countries (LMICs) that promote positive outcomes for people living with severe mental health conditions in community settings, particularly following the disruption and trauma of acute psychiatric hospitalisation, remain limited. This period of transition is a particularly promising window wherein the effects of interventions aiming to prevent psychiatric relapse and promote individual wellbeing can be maximised. The overall aim of MhINT Recovery ([https://crh.ukzn.ac.za/mhint\\_recovery/](https://crh.ukzn.ac.za/mhint_recovery/)) is to determine the feasibility of real-world implementation of a co-produced health system strengthening intervention in reducing hospital re-admission rates related outcomes among people living with severe mental health conditions following acute psychiatric hospitalisation in South Africa.

**Brief Summary of position: Doctoral researcher (full-time, joint position between University of KwaZulu-Natal and University of Antwerp)**

This position is part of an on-going collaboration between The University of KwaZulu-Natal and the University of Antwerp, Belgium. The doctoral degree will be registered at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, with supported research visitation to the partner university, and with joint supervision from both institutions. The position is full-time, and will involve working in a team implementing and testing a complex intervention in the district of uMgungundlovu, including (but not limited to) supporting data collection and management, participation in training and intervention implementation activities, and being involved in data analysis and dissemination. The appointment will require the researcher to undertake an independent research project embedded in the broader MhINT Recovery programme, with support from the research team, and in line with the requirements for a doctoral degree.

#### **Minimum Requirements:**

- Master's Degree in a mental health-related discipline
- 1- year social research experience
- Driver's license with at least 2 years' experience driving

#### **Essential Requirements:**

- Demonstrated writing capabilities as demonstrated by authorship or co-authorship of at least one paper in an accredited, peer-reviewed journal

- Work experience in mental health services or mental health research
- Willing to travel to rural and urban community settings

### **Additional information**

The remuneration package offered will be in line with university salary scales and dependent on the qualifications and experience of the successful applicant. The contract period is 36 months with the possibility of extension depending on availability of external funding. Please note this post requires frequent travel between Durban and the uMgungundlovu District. The project does not cover any relocation or associated costs if applicable, for the successful candidate who does not reside in the area.

This post reports to the Project Coordinator. The job profile is available from Dr Tasneem Kathree, Tel Number: 031 260 1569 or e-mail: [crh@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:crh@ukzn.ac.za).

The closing date for receipt of applications is 25 April 2025. The University, however, reserves the right in special circumstances to accept late applications or extend the above date in order to facilitate further searches. Please note this is a re-advertisement.

**Applicants are required to submit 1) a curriculum vitae formatted to include each minimum requirement as stated in the advertisement, 2) an example of writing experience in the form of a published paper, book chapter or book, 3) a covering letter, 4) a 1-page concept note for a doctoral research study in line with MhINT Recovery ([https://crh.ukzn.ac.za/mhint\\_recovery/](https://crh.ukzn.ac.za/mhint_recovery/)). All documents must be sent to the e-mail address [crh@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:crh@ukzn.ac.za). Please quote "Doctoral researcher – MhINT Recovery" as a reference in your subject line. Candidates who do not fill in the application form with accompanying documents will not be considered. Applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements will not be considered. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.**