



MRC/Wits Rural Public Health and Health Transitions Research Unit (Agincourt) School of Public Health

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

The MRC/Wits-Agincourt Research Unit is a leading health and population research centre that supports a major research infrastructure including a health and socio-demographic surveillance system (HDSS) covering part of the Bushbuckridge sub-district of rural Mpumalanga Province. Taking a life course approach, in partnership with local communities and the public sector, the Unit undertakes interdisciplinary observational and intervention research collaborating with an exceptional network of scientists from South and sub-Saharan African, UK/European and North American institutions.

We seek to appoint **one Postdoctoral Fellowship** to join our multidisciplinary team of Researchers, Data Scientists and Analysts to contribute to **strengthening our Data Analytics capability and scientific output** in research areas that include:

- Adolescent health and development (including HIV and mental health)
- Adult health and ageing (including non-communicable diseases, HIV, mental health and cognitive change)
- Population trends, transitions, and social/environmental/economic determinants (including migration)

Successful candidates will enjoy unparalleled opportunities for career development and professional growth.

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Tenable for two years. The successful candidate will enjoy unparalleled opportunity across all stages of the research process, including ethics and public engagement, field science, research data management, and research-to-policy engagement. Support and mentoring will be provided to publish in peer-review journals.

The candidate will be nested within a focus research area depending on background, experience and interest:

- Adolescent health and development (including HIV and mental health)
- Adult health and ageing (including non-communicable diseases, HIV and mental health)
- Population trends, transitions, and social determinants (including migration)
- Applied Statistics, Informatics and Computing.

Position will be based in Bushbuckridge, Mpumalanga Province, where Wits offers several accommodation options, or the Wits School of Public Health in Johannesburg with travel to the Agincourt Research Centre in Bushbuckridge.

Qualifications:

- PhD awarded within past 5 years (or pending)
- Background in relevant discipline(s), including Epidemiology, Statistics, Decision Sciences, Public Health, Economics, Demography, Population Studies, related Social Sciences, Clinical Sciences, Informatics and Computing
- Evidence of high academic and scholarly potential
- English language proficiency, strong conceptual and writing skills.

Closing Date: 26 November 2021

To apply for this position, please submit the following documents on <http://www.wits.ac.za/vacancies/> or for internal applicants <https://iwits.wits.ac.za/>

Alternatively, you may email your application to Weekend Khoza at Weekend.Khoza@wits.ac.za

For enquiries contact Dr Chodziwadziwa Kabudula on Chodziwadziwa.Kabudula@wits.ac.za

Documents required with your application:

1. A covering letter clearly indicating the position for which you are applying with a motivation detailing your suitability, paying close attention to the above criteria
2. Detailed and up-to-date CV with names and e-mail addresses of three (3) current referees with at least two academic referees
3. Examples of written or published work
4. Certified copy of ID, or passport and work permit or permanent residence in South Africa, and driver's license
5. Certified copies of academic transcripts and qualification certificates

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