CIPHER Collaboration: Global epidemiology of perinatally HIV-infected adolescents

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
The Collaborative Initiative for Paediatric HIV Education and Research (CIPHER) of the International AIDS Society (IAS) aims to accelerate research that can improve paediatric HIV prevention, treatment and care. One of its main objectives is strengthening paediatric HIV cohort collaboration through the global CIPHER Cohort Collaboration which includes >10 paediatric HIV cohort networks across the world. The CIPHER Cohort Collaboration is led by a Data Centre hosted jointly by 3 institutions:

1. Centre for Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Research (CIDER), University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa.
2. Medical Research Council Clinical Trials Unit (MRC CTU) at University College London (UCL), London, United Kingdom.
3. Department of Epidemiology/Center for Biostatistics in AIDS research (CBAR), Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH), Boston, MA, United States of America.

CIDER, UCT invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for the above one-year post-doctoral fellowship based mainly at the UCT CIPHER Data Centre, but including a two-month placement at the Center for Biostatistics in AIDS research (CBAR), Harvard School of Public Health. This is an excellent opportunity to undertake post-doctoral study examining the global epidemiology of adolescents with perinatal HIV infection with a dynamic research team.

Purpose of the Award
The purpose of the award is to support a post-doctoral fellow who will be required to join CIDER. Together with the CIPHER Adolescent epidemiology project team including a CIDER statistician, the post-doctoral fellow will be required to undertake research that includes an analysis of the global epidemiology of perinatally HIV-infected adolescents. The project will be supervised by senior staff in CIDER with support from HSPH. The post-doctoral fellow will spend ten months based at UCT and two months at CBAR, HSPH, working with senior statisticians and epidemiologists.

Conditions of Award:
The successful candidate will be required to:

- Register as a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Cape Town
- Undertake research that includes an analysis of the global epidemiology of perinatally HIV-infected adolescents under supervision of senior staff in CIDER and the Adolescent epidemiology project team. This includes reviewing data quality, conducting statistical analyses and writing up of results for publication in peer-reviewed manuscripts and stakeholder reports.
- Liaise with participating networks that contribute data to ensure collaborative scientific participation.
- As part of the candidate’s professional development, full participation will be required in all CIDER academic activities while based at UCT and in CBAR academic activities while at HSPH.
- Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with her/his UCT post-doctoral supervisor and adhere to the plans and agreements therein.
- Comply with UCT’s approved policies, procedures and practices for the postdoctoral sector.
- The successful candidate will not be permitted to undertake any part-time employment concurrently with holding the fellowship.
- Candidates may not have previously held any permanent academic or professional posts.

Value and Tenure:
The post-doctoral scholarship is valued at R370,000 per annum. The tenure of the award is one year. A modest travel allowance for the period spent at HSPH will additionally be provided.

Requirements:
- A PhD obtained no more than 5 years ago in Epidemiology/Statistics/Public Health or cognate discipline from a recognised institution.
- Proven analytic skills and experience analysing and writing up results for peer-reviewed publication in the field of HIV.
- Experience in collaborating with different research teams is an advantage.
- Currently undertaking research or training in a resource-limited setting with a demonstrated commitment to working in a resource-limited setting after the fellowship period.

Application Process: Applicants are required to submit:
- an application form and letter of motivation;
- a CV including details of any conference presentations and/or publications;
- academic transcripts, and
- the names and contact details of 2 academic referees who have taught/supervised the applicant.
Enquiries and completed applications should be directed to: Ms Zarina Seedat: email: zarina.seedat@uct.ac.za
Telephone: 021-4066808  Fax: 021-4066764

**by no later than 25 May 2015**

**Selection Process:**
Short-listing and selection will be completed by members of the CIPHER Project Oversight Team, including the UCT PI and statistician, representatives from HSPH, UCL and the Adolescent epidemiology project team. Short-listed applicants may be required to be available for interview.

The University of Cape Town reserves the right to:
(i) disqualify ineligible, incomplete and/or inappropriate applications; (ii) to change the conditions of award and/or to make no awards at all; and (iii) to cancel, withdraw the award and to recover any funds paid out to award-holders who do not comply with the conditions of award and/or the University’s policies on postgraduate funding.