

Postdoctoral Fellowship

About the job

We invite applications for a postdoctoral fellowship. This position is ideal for researchers interested in quantitative methods and systematic reviews. If you are detail oriented and a strategic thinker with an understanding of health or disability, we are looking for you!

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The selected Fellow will join the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences and work with the commissioners of the Lancet Commission on Disability and Health, undertaking systematic reviews of disability and health. The Fellow will collaborate with a transdisciplinary team of leading researchers, receive hands-on training in systematic review processes, paper writing and be mentored by scientists who publish in top-tier journals such as Nature and The Lancet. The Fellow will lead the authorship team on at least one systematic review to be published in a high impact journal. They will publish 6 reviews over the two years.

Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of South Africa to be eligible for this position. We are unable to provide visa sponsorship.

Location: Tygerberg campus, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Duration: Up to 2 years

Annual fellowship amount: ZAR450,000 per annum tax-free

Eligibility & Requirements

Essential Requirements:

PhD (or equivalent) in a relevant field, obtained within the last 5 years

Expertise in at least one key area: quantitative methods, epidemiology, statistics

Proven experience in literature reviews

Strong publication record

Desirable Qualifications:

Research experience in health or disability

Experience working in transdisciplinary teams

Application Process

Deadline: until position is filled

Application process: Send a letter of application, accompanied by a 2-page curriculum vitae, including a list of publications, a link to the candidate's PhD thesis, and the names and contact details of two referees, to Dr. Tracey Smythe smythe@sun.ac.za . Please title the email:

Lancet Commission Postdoctoral Research Fellowship application. Prospective applicants are welcome to email me with any further questions.

Start Date: Flexible, based on candidate availability. Ideally May 2025.

- Applicants should request their referees to forward confidential reports by the closing date directly to the same address.
- Note: Postdoctoral fellows are not appointed as employees and as their fellowships are awarded tax-free, they are not eligible for employee benefits. The University reserves the right NOT to make an appointment if suitable candidates do not apply.
- Note: If the contract is for two years, this will be subject to the availability of funds and satisfactory academic progress (annual performance reviews must be held).