PUDAC (Primate Unit & Delft Animal Centre) of the Medical Research Council seeks the services of a qualified Research Laboratory Animal Technologist or Veterinary Technologist/Nurse.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Being involved in the daily operation of the animal facility maintaining primates, horses and sheep
- Maintaining a high standard of animal care, husbandry and health control
- Administering substances, collecting body fluids (blood collections), pre-and post-operative care, and assisting with veterinary procedures
- Environmental enrichment
- Ensuring compliance with standard operating procedures, study protocols, company policy and relevant legislation
- Quality control
- Disease prevention
- Maintaining various records, preparing reports and conducting inventory of supplies
- Performing additional functions as per operational requirements of the time.

Competencies and characteristics required:

- Good knowledge of animal physiology, anatomy and basic veterinary procedures
- Good practical ability to handle and restrain large animals with empathy, ensuring that their welfare needs are catered for
- Compassion for animals and commitment to animal care
- Meticulous record keeping, and good coordination and organising skills
- Excellent communication skills (written and verbal)
- The ability to work well in a team
- Good interpersonal skills and highly motivated
- Willingness to work weekends and after hours
- Computer literacy.

Qualifications:

- A diploma or equivalent in Laboratory Animal Technology, Veterinary Nursing or Veterinary Technology
- Full registration with the SA Veterinary Council
- A valid Code B driver’s licence (essential).

Note: A negative TB test is required.

Please note that appointment will be subject to a 3-month probation period. Previous primate experience is not essential as full training will be provided. Additionally, we offer excellent opportunities to expand upon your skills and knowledge, by encouraging further education.

A cost-to-company remuneration package in the region of R193 232 per annum will be negotiated in accordance with qualifications and experience.

In accordance with the MRC’s Employment Equity Plan, preference will be given to suitably qualified candidates from the designated groups. For this reason, we require race, gender and disability status to be specified. Disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

CERTIFIED COPIES OF YOUR ID AND HIGHEST FORMAL QUALIFICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Should your application not contain the required information and documents, it will unfortunately not be considered.

The MRC retains the right not to make an appointment.

If you have not heard from us within 30 days of the closing date, please accept that your application has been unsuccessful.

Forward your application, comprising a full CV, covering letter of motivation and contact details of three referees, to Mrs Janet Ndimande, Human Capital Management Division, MRC, PO Box 19070, Tygerberg 7505 or fax: 086 742 8365 or e-mail: recruitment@mrc.ac.za