We seek to attract a suitably qualified and experienced registered veterinary nurse to the post of Veterinary Nurse & Experimental Unit Manager, in the UCT Research Animal Facility, located in the Faculty of Health Sciences. The ideal candidate would be registered with the South African Veterinary Council to practice as a veterinary nurse; have substantial theatre experience in anaesthesia, peri-operative monitoring and care in a variety of species; as well as relevant experience in the management of facilities, staff and the quality of processes and procedures. The successful candidate would ideally start employment in January 2017 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Requirements:
- National Diploma in Veterinary Nursing or equivalent
- Registered with the South African Veterinary Council as a veterinary nurse
- Minimum of 3 years experience practicing as a registered veterinary nurse
- Experience in theatre management, surgical nursing, general anaesthesia and peri-operative management
- Ability to manage people, facilities, systems and processes, understanding of quality management systems
- Understanding of the principles of biocontainment, working with infectious substances, health and safety
- Ability to multi-task, work under pressure, assume high responsibility, work alone as well as in a team
- Computer skills (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, professional email and efficient internet use)
- Excellent interpersonal skills, verbal and written communication skills
- Integrity, ethical nature, respect and care for animals

Advantageous:
- Experience in direct line-management or supervision of staff
- Experience in the management of a research animal facility, hospital or clinic
- Experience in advanced general anaesthesia, peri-operative management and cardio-pulmonary support in sheep, pigs, rabbits, rats and mice, without the need for direct veterinary supervision
- Experience in practical rodent handling, injection, dosing, general anaesthesia, euthanasia, welfare monitoring
- Experience serving as a member of institutional animal ethics committees; presenting lectures or training
- Experience working with infectious diseases in BioSafety Level 2, BioSafety Level 3 or higher laboratories
- Experience in formal quality management systems, writing controlled Standard Operating Procedures

Responsibilities include:
- Provide the Research Animal Facility with dedicated clinical and para-clinical veterinary nursing support
- Perform facility management of the Experimental Unit laboratories (Animal BioSafety Levels 1-3)
- Perform quality management of the Experimental Unit laboratories (Animal BioSafety Levels 1-3)
- Perform direct line-management of Experimental Unit staff members
- Continuously refine quality of care standards in the Experimental Unit

The annual cost of employment for 2016, including benefits, is between R 311,821 and R 366,848.

To apply, please e-mail the below documents in a single pdf file to Sithini Ngozi at recruitment05@uct.ac.za
- UCT Application Form (download at http://forms.uct.ac.za/hr201.doc)
- Motivation letter for applying for this post, and
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Please ensure the position title and reference number are indicated in the email subject line.

An application that does not comply with the above requirements will be regarded as incomplete.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and will be required to undergo a competency test.

Telephone: 021 650 2220  Website: http://www.health.uct.ac.za/

Reference number: E16136  Closing date: 25th September 2016

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