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Zoonotic Arbo and Respiratory Virus Programme
Department of Medical Virology

Research Technician: Medical Virology

We currently have a position for a research technician at the Zoonotic arbo and respiratory virus research programme, University of Pretoria to participate in respiratory virus surveillance and research as part of the African Network for improved Diagnostics, Epidemiology and Management of Common Infectious Agents (ANDEMEMIA), including COVID19 in South Africa. The project is funded by the Robert Koch Institute and a network study between Germany, South Africa, Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso and DR Congo. The specific project is a joint venture by the University of Pretoria and the National Institute for Communicable Diseases.

The ideal candidate will have a BSc(Hons) in Virology or related field. Registration as a technician, Medical Technologist or Medical Scientist with the HPCSA will be highly beneficial. The successful candidate will be involved in routine testing to support the research project and be responsible for laboratory administration for the program, reporting results to the Program Head, support database management, stocktaking and QC. Experience in molecular techniques including RNA/DNA extraction from clinical samples, real time PCR assays, Sanger sequencing in a BSL2 environment is essential.

The candidate will be expected to work as part of a team, be self-motivated with attention to detail.

South African citizenship or permanent residency with current presence in South Africa and a code 4 drivers licence is a prerequisite due to current travel restrictions. The person will be stationed at the Zoonotic arbo and respiratory virus programme, Department Medical Virology, University of Pretoria.

Interested candidates can contact Prof Marietjie Venter at marietjie.venter@up.ac.za . Please send a complete CV with an academic record and cover letter stating why you will be the ideal candidate for this position under the email heading: Research Technician ANDEMEMIA.

Deadline for applications 10 August 2020

Prof Marietjie Venter
Head, Zoonotic arbo and respiratory virus program