

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES (ISHS)

COLLEGE:	HUMAN SCIENCES INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES (ISHS)
POSITION:	RESEARCHER (P8) FULL-TIME / FIXED TERM (12 MONTHS CONTRACT) CAPE TOWN CAMPUS
REFERENCE:	CHS/RESEARCHER/P8/59301/2024-BM

The Institute for Social and Health Sciences (ISHS) is an Africa-centred, community-engaged, transdisciplinary institute of excellence in the social and health sciences. The Institute hosts the South African Medical Research Council-Unisa Violence, Injury and Social Asymmetries Research Unit (VISARU), which focuses on violence and injury, that are major drivers to the nation's disease burden. VISARU conducts multi-disciplinary research on socio-structural drivers of injury and their impact on vulnerable populations. ISHS seeks a researcher for VISARU to conduct research and support the development of outputs from community-engaged research and advocacy projects.

Requirements:

- A Masters degree or equivalent NQF level 9 qualification in a relevant field
- At least 2 accredited research outputs in the last 5 years OR 1 in the last 3 years
- Ability to collaborate in research activities
- Proven proficiency in the use of MS Office Suite
- Excellent knowledge of Research Methodology
- Excellent knowledge of software packages for research purposes e.g. SPSS or Atlas.ti
- Excellent communication skills (both verbal and written)
- Good interpersonal skills
- Valid Drivers license

Recommendation:

- Own transport is highly recommendable
- Ability to work outside office hours when necessary

Duties:

- Assists in guiding the research agenda of the Head of Institute
- Identifying and conducting research activities within the Head of Institute and related research interest groups
- Compiles a personal development plan in order to increase expertise and recognition in the identified research area
- Identifies research problems, supports the development or contribute to research proposals and conducts collaborative research as well as multi-, inter- and trans- disciplinary (MIT) and reflexive research
- Participates in relevant research interests groups
- Participates in the development of funding proposals to support VISARU's research projects
- Participates in seminars, research colloquia, reads papers and conferences and published at least 2 accredited research outputs in the last 5 years OR 1 in the last 3 years
- Develops networks and collaborative research projects with institutional, national and international colleagues and students

- Oversees the accurate and effective administration of research matters
- Identifies partnerships with communities in order to provide expertise for the benefit of the communities
- Participates and promotes a culture of engagement and networking with institutional, national and international networks and organisations
- Participates in institutional, national and international task teams and professional bodies
- Peer reviews academic outputs and research reports

Salary: Remuneration is commensurate with the seniority of the position
Closing date: **16 August 2024**
Enquiries: Ms Najuwa Arendse at arendn@unisa.ac.za

- **All applications should reach UNISA before 16H00 on the closing date**
 Complete the prescribed application form which is obtainable from <https://www.unisa.ac.za/vacancies> (application form for fixed term post)
- Attach a comprehensive **CURRICULUM VITAE** and the following **ORIGINAL** certified copies (within the previous six months) -
 - ✦ identity document
 - ✦ all educational qualifications;
 - ✦ academic transcripts/records;
 - ✦ publications output
 - ✦ for academic positions a Research statement; and
 - ✦ proof of SAQA verification of foreign qualifications (if applicable)
- Unisa reserves the right to authenticate all qualifications without any further consent from the applicant.
- The contact details of three contactable references must be provided, one of which must be from your present employer excluding your current line manager if you are an internal Unisa applicant
- Unisa is not obliged to fill an advertised position
- *Appointments will be made in accordance with Unisa's Employment Equity Plan and other applicable legislation.*

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Applicants are required to first complete the form available on the Portal at <https://forms.office.com/r/4G2hSdgpQ7>

After completing the form, please forward your supporting documents to chsmarkers@unisa.ac.za Ensure you use the reference number as the subject line.

If submitting in an envelope, it should be marked with the name of the relevant College and/or Department, the position applied for, and the reference number of the position. For applicants applying to multiple positions, each **application must be submitted in a separate envelope. Please note that late, incomplete, and incorrect applications will not be considered.**

Cape Town:

Addressee: **Ms Najuwa Arendse**

Address: **Room A15, Block A, First Floor, Unisa Cape Town, Jean Simonis Str, Parow, 7560, Cape Town**

Correspondence will be limited to short-listed candidates only. If you have not been contacted within two months after the closing date of this advertisement, please accept that your application was not successful.

