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Postdoctoral Fellowships in the Research Unit on the Economics of Excisable Products (REEP) based in the School of Economics at the University of Cape Town

The Research Unit on the Economics of Excisable Products (REEP) (www.reep.uct.ac.za) is the premier research group in the economics of tobacco control in Africa. It is based in the School of Economics at the University of Cape Town. Its goal is to support public health through objective and rigorous research.

REEP would like to appoint a Postdoctoral Fellow to conduct research on economics of tobacco control, and alcohol and sugar policy. We are looking for a dedicated researcher with skills in economics and econometrics, and an interest in tax administration and public health. An ability to publish (i.e. strong writing skills) is a must.

Conditions of the award

- Possession of a PhD or equivalent degree in Economics or a related discipline.
- The postdoctoral fellowship is only available to individuals who have achieved the doctoral degree within the past 5 years
- · Applicants may not previously have held full-time permanent professional or academic posts
- Excellent writing and good presenataion skills; successful candidates may be presenting at conferences and workshops.
- No benefits or allowances are included in the fellowship (e.g no pension nor health insurance).
- Successful candidates will be required to comply with the University's policies, procedures and practices for the postdoctoral fellows.
- Fully proficient in Excel, PowerPoint, and Stata (or similar statistical software).

Location of the employment: Cape Town.

Stipend and tenure

The value of the Fellowship is currently R360 000 per annum tax free, which is expected to increase to R400 000 in 2022. The fellowship is tenable for an initial period of one year, with extension possible, subject to satisfactory performance.

Application process

Applications and enquiries should be addressed to Sharon de Bruyns at sharon.debruyns@uct.ac.za.

All applications should contain:

- A cover letter stating the motivation, areas of expertise, research interests, and experience.
- A CV including a list of publications,
- Copies of academic transcripts,
- An example of original research (preferably not more than 20 pages), and
- Names and contact details of at least two references who are familiar with the applican's professional research (e.g. a supervisor).

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted, and will be intervied by a panel of senior members of REEP.

Closing date for applications: October 31, 2021

The University of Cape Town reserves the right to disqualify ineligible, incomplete and/or inappropriate applications, to change the conditions of the award or to make no award at all.