



DIRECTOR: RESEARCH UNIT

(4-Year Contract; Full-Time)

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND EMERGENCY CARE
FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The University of Cape Town (UCT) invites applications for the **full-time** position (4-year contract) of Research Director within the Department of Family, Community, and Emergency Care (FaCE). This is an exciting opportunity for a dynamic and experienced academic leader to establish and develop the FaCE Research Unit, including the co-development of a socially engaged research agenda.

The Department of FaCE is a newly established department comprising the clinical specialist divisions of Family Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Palliative Care, Sports and Exercise Medicine, and a Primary Health Care team.

The position provides strategic research leadership in FaCE. In establishing the FaCE Research Unit, the director will oversee the development of the unit's strategic and research direction, manage staff, budget, and operations, secure research funding, and assist other researchers with grant applications. The role involves collaborating with stakeholders and disseminating findings to academic and community audiences to promote impactful, evidence-based solutions that are contextually responsive and socially accountable.

For detailed information on this post, please view the job description on the following link: ([view](#))

To view and apply for this position, please visit the UCT Jobs site [View](#) (For Internal Applicants) and [View](#) (For external Applicants) to create a profile and to submit your application.

Closing date: 02 November 2025

Reference:

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The University reserves the right to extend the closing date for applications if deemed necessary and reserves the right to make no appointment.