



### **Advertisement: Postdoctoral research opportunity**

**Department:** Interdisciplinary Health Sciences  
**Centre** Centre for Evidence-based Health Care  
**Host** Professor Charles Wiysonge  
**Value of award:** 180,000.00 per annum

#### **Summary:**

The Centre for Evidence-based Health Care is a coordinating and directive institution for research and training of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at Stellenbosch University, in the field of evidence-based health care. The mission of the Centre is to: conduct and support relevant systematic reviews and primary research related to evidence-informed health care; enhance evidence-informed healthcare knowledge, skills and practices through teaching healthcare professionals and other stakeholders; promote the uptake of current best evidence in healthcare policy and practice; and promote the optimal functioning and sustainable growth of the Centre for Evidence-based Health Care.

A postdoctoral research opportunity has arisen in the Centre for Evidence-based Health Care for a period of 24 months. Hosted by Professor Charles Wiysonge, the successful candidate will be expected to conduct methodologically sound systematic reviews on priority health topics relevant to the Millennium Development Goals as well as primary research on and promotion of knowledge translation.

Applicants for this postdoctoral research fellowship must hold, or will soon hold, a doctoral degree in epidemiology or a related health science discipline; and must provide proof of this at the time of application. To be based at the Centre for Evidence-based Health, the successful candidate would be required to visit Malawi on a rotational basis to undertake oversight duties of the Knowledge Management Centre at the College of Medicine in Blantyre, Malawi. The fellowship will involve in-depth formal tutoring and mentorship in evidence synthesis and knowledge translation.

#### **Key activities:**

- To identify priority topics and conduct systematic reviews on immunisation, HIV, and/or malaria
- To contribute to user testing of knowledge translation aids such as, but not limited to, innovative summary of research findings and online databases.
- To effectively liaise with colleagues in Malawi, and contribute to establish a Knowledge Management Centre at the College of Medicine in Blantyre
- To carry out such other duties consistent with a postdoctoral research fellowship of this nature.
- To abide by Stellenbosch University's policies, rules and procedures for postdoctoral research fellows and codes of conduct and rules governing research results, research materials, and intellectual property.

#### **Applications:**

Applications, and any queries regarding the application process, should be made by email to [charlesw@sun.ac.za](mailto:charlesw@sun.ac.za). Applications should also include the names and email contacts of two referees who can be contacted immediately if shortlisted. Closing date for the receipt of applications is 31 May 2014 at 24:00 (Cape Town time).