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Job title:	Research Assistant (2 years)
Type:	Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed Term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary <input type="checkbox"/>
Main purpose of the job:	To implement research projects, analyse the research data, and publish research findings.
Location:	School of Public Health, The University of Witwatersrand
Closing date:	07 December 2023
Submit detailed CV to:	NBoomgaard@witshealth.co.za
Advert reference number:	Priceless SA Research Assistant
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The SAMRC/WITS Centre for Health Economics and Decision Science PRICELESS SA www.pricelessa.ac.za is a research unit within the University of the Witwatersrand School of Public Health, Johannesburg. It aims to enable smart decision-making in health through evidence-based research focusing on policy and public engagement. PRICELESS SA's core business is to provide evidence to improve resource allocation and priority setting. PRICELESS has a focus on obesity prevention, the prevention of NCD's and the commercial determinants of health and policies that promote health.

Key performance areas

- Assist with protocol development.
- Review literature, develop methodologies and research tools for conducting research.
- Assist in the submission of protocols for ethical review.
- Recruit research participants and coordinate communication about research/ activities with partner site actors.
- Collect data as the study requires.
- Clean data, transcribe interviews, code, and verify data in accordance with specified research protocol, capture data into an electronic database (or statistical analysis software and/or spreadsheet application for subsequent analysis).
- Assist in the preparation of progress reports for the Principal Investigator, senior researchers, and funder.
- Present research findings to the PI and all relevant stakeholders
- Participate in grant applications
- Support the writing of reports for the unit

Required minimum education and training

Honour's degree in Public Health, Economics, Social Science, Development studies, Social Development Studies.

Desirable additional education, work experience and personal abilities

Sound understanding of South African public health, low resource settings and academic research methods.

Understanding health systems, public health, and health policy.

Competent in using data analysis software or aptitude/willingness to learn.

Able to work under pressure and adhere to deadlines.

Demonstrated ability to write well and to communicate well.

Self-motivated, and able to work well independently as well as part of a multidisciplinary team.

Ability to handle multiple tasks and reporting to more than one supervisor.

Required minimum work experience

Minimum of three (3) years' professional experience working in the health sector or conducting health related research.

Should you be interested in applying for this vacancy, please send an email to **NBoomgaard@witshealth.co.za**.

The subject heading of the email must read **Priceless SA Research Assistant**. Please include the following documentation:

- **A cover letter** (maximum one page) that clearly states which vacancy you are applying for
- **A detailed CV**