

VACANCY

Job title:	Senior Health Economist
Type:	Permanent ☐ Fixed Term ☒ Temporary ☐
Main purpose of the job:	To lead economic evaluation research and to lecture in the Masters in Public Health (MPH) Programme and supervise students (Masters and PhD candidates).
Location:	Wits School of Public Health, Parktown, Johannesburg
Closing date:	31 January 2026
Submit detailed CV to:	Vacancies32@witshealth.co.za
Advert reference number:	Senior Health Economist_Priceless SA
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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. PRICELESS SA's core business is to provide evidence to improve resource allocation and priority setting within the health system. The unit's broad research areas are Health Economics/ Econometrics and Economic Evaluation, policy and policy evaluation and priority setting with the public and government stakeholders. PRICELESS has a focus on obesity prevention, NCD's and the commercial determinants of health.

About the Role

An opening exists for an energetic researcher who will be a crucial member of the PRICELESS team and will conduct economic evaluation using clinical trial data and other secondary sources.

The role will require strong communication skills, familiarity with applied economics and program evaluation research methods, familiarity with data manipulation and management, strong econometric and statistical training, and familiarity with statistical software packages (i.e. STATA and R).

The post-holder will report to the Research Director and will be based at the School of Public Health, Parktown, Johannesburg

Key performance areas

- Identify novel research methods and ideas.
- Attract research funding by identifying and applying for research grants in line with PRICELESS research strategy.
- Publish research in high-impact peer-reviewed journals, reports and present findings to stakeholders, the PRICELESS team and other groups.
- Manage research projects from inception to completion.
- Manage and mentor junior researchers.

Required minimum education and training

- PhD in Health Economics.
- Must have published on Economic Evaluations in Academic journals.

Required minimum work experience

- 4 years working experience in health economics research environment.
- Experience in conducting economic evaluations.

Desirable additional education, work experience and personal abilities

- Experience in analytical decision modelling.
- Published economic evaluation articles in peer-reviewed journals.
- Strong writing and presentation skills.
- Good conceptualisation skills.
- Experience in teaching and student supervision.
- Attention to detail.
- Flexible and adaptive with a positive approach to taking on several duties.
- Able to work independently and as part of a team.

Should you be interested in applying for this vacancy, please send an email to vacancies32@witshealth.co.za. The subject heading of the email must read **Senior Health Economist_Priceless SA**. Please include the following documentation:

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