



RESEARCH COORDINATOR (QUALITATIVE HEALTH RESEARCHER)

(Payclass 09; 1-year, T1 Contract)

**Orthopaedic Research Unit, Division of Orthopaedic Surgery,
Department of Surgery
FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

The NIHR Global Health Group on Global Injury, a collaboration between the University of Oxford, the University of Cape Town, Malawi Liverpool Wellcome Programme and Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences in Tanzania, is seeking a motivated Qualitative Health Researcher to join a dynamic, multidisciplinary team working on musculoskeletal (MSK) injury and health systems research across multiple settings.

This role offers an exciting opportunity to contribute to impactful global health research, exploring patient and provider experiences of injury care, including engagement with diverse stakeholders such as patients, healthcare professionals and traditional practitioners.

Why Join Us?

- Be part of impactful, multi-country research
- Work within an experienced and collaborative global health team
- Opportunities for publication and career development

Requirements for the job:

Essential

- Undergraduate degree in a relevant field (e.g., public health, sociology, anthropology, psychology, or health services research)
- Experience in qualitative health research, including conducting interviews and/or focus groups
- Experience organising and managing fieldwork, including participant engagement
- Experience with transcription of qualitative data
- Knowledge of ethical principles in health research
- Strong organisational and time management skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Willingness and ability to travel for fieldwork

Desirable

- Postgraduate qualification (MA/MSc or higher) in a relevant discipline
- Experience in qualitative data analysis (e.g., coding, thematic analysis)
- Experience conducting observational fieldwork
- Experience contributing to research reports or peer-reviewed publications
- Experience working in global health or low-resource settings
- Proficiency in additional local languages
- Valid driver's license and access to a vehicle

The following will be advantageous:

Experience in qualitative health research (interviews, focus groups)

- Strong organisational skills and ability to manage fieldwork independently
- Experience with transcription and qualitative data analysis
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Willingness to travel for fieldwork

Desirable:

- Experience in observational research, global health, or working in low-resource settings; postgraduate qualification; additional local language proficiency.

Responsibilities:

You will lead and support qualitative research activities, including:

- Conducting interviews, focus groups, and observational fieldwork
- Engaging with patients, caregivers, and healthcare providers
- Managing transcription, translation, and secure data handling
- Analysing qualitative data (e.g., thematic analysis)
- Contributing to publications, reports, and presentations

The annual cost of employment, including benefits (*where applicable*), is between R531 313 and R625 071.

To apply, please e-mail the below documents in a **single pdf file** to Marilyn van der Berg at marilyn.vanderberg@uct.ac.za.

- UCT Application Form (download at <http://forms.uct.ac.za/hr201.doc>)
- Cover letter, and
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Please ensure the title and reference number are indicated in the subject line.

An application which does not comply with the above requirements will be regarded as incomplete. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and may be required to undergo an assessment.

Telephone: 021 406 5158

Website: [Global Injury Group](#)

Reference number: E26707

Closing date: 20 July 2026

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