



University of Cape Town Lung Institute CENTRE FOR LUNG INFECTION AND IMMUNITY

LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

The **Centre for Lung Infection and Immunity (CLII)** (<http://www.lunginstitute.co.za>), invites applications for a **LABORATORY TECHNICIAN*** for appointment as soon as possible, on a **12-month Fixed Term Contract**.

CLII is based within the Division of Pulmonology in the Department of Medicine at UCT and is committed to the pursuit of excellence in research, treatment, training and prevention of TB in Southern Africa.

The purpose of this position is to undertake laboratory research in projects related to tuberculosis including: (i) diagnostic studies and (ii) immunological studies.

Minimum Requirements:

- An Hons or MSc in immunology, molecular biology, biochemistry, microbiology, or cell biology. Candidates with a BSc will also be considered depending on prior experience.
- Registration with HPCSA (Health professional council of South Africa)
- Laboratory experience working with infectious clinical samples.
- Research experience in infectious diseases.
- Experience with one of more of the follow techniques: ELISA, real-time PCR, other relevant molecular or immunology techniques, DNA extraction, GeneXpert platform, Line Probe Assays (LPA), drug sensitivity testing, culture techniques.
- Computer Literacy (MS Word, MS Excel, MS Outlook and Internet; Data Management Systems advantageous)
- Knowledge of medical terminology (especially relating to TB)
- Knowledge of Good Clinical Practice (GCP/GLP)
- Good interpersonal, communication and time management skills

Responsibilities include (but not limited to):

- Assisting with logistics regarding appropriate collection, transport and storage of specimens.
- Ensuring appropriate processing of specimens in the laboratories.
- Performing relevant scientific experiments in line with needs of specific research projects.
- Ensuring laboratory safety.
- Ensuring site and laboratory equipment is functioning appropriately.
- Ensuring good Quality Assurance and Quality Control.
- Liaising between laboratory and clinical staff. Assisting the data team with laboratory data queries.
- Assisting with the development of relevant SOPs.
- Curating data and sharing with the database base manager.

Additional Information:

- This position will be based in Cape Town
- Working hours 40 hours per week, Monday to Friday
- The annual remuneration is negotiable depending on qualifications and experience
- Candidate will be required to work with in a busy TB laboratory.

To apply, interested applicants are requested to [click here](#) to complete the online application process with a cover letter and updated CV with the names and numbers of at least two contactable referees.

Closing Date: 05 May 2025

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Should you not receive a response within 30 days of the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful.

The University of Cape Town Lung Institute is committed to equity in our employment practices and reserves the right not to appoint. The selection process will be guided by the Employment Equity Plan and Targets of the University of Cape Town Lung Institute (Pty) Ltd.

***Please Note: This Position is not on UCT Conditions of Service.**