

## **DIRECTOR** *KwaZulu-Natal Research Institute for TB and HIV*

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The Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) and the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) have jointly established a new research institute, the KwaZulu-Natal Research Institute for TB and HIV (K-RITH). Research partners also include Harvard University and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. This new research center, located in Durban, South Africa will conduct research on TB and HIV including pathogenesis, diagnostics, therapeutics, vaccines, and prevention. The UKZN and HHMI are jointly seeking to appoint the director of K-RITH, who will be based in Durban, South Africa.

### **DESIRABLE ATTRIBUTES**

- A recognized leader in TB and/or HIV research
  - A medical degree (or equivalent) and/or a Ph.D. (or equivalent) in a health-related or scientific field
  - At least 10 years experience in research
  - At least 3 years experience in managing an academic unit
  - Proven track record in securing research grants
  - Strong communication, interpersonal and negotiation skills
  - Ability to create a vision for K-RITH and oversee operations
  - Proven track record in providing mentorship and research training
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## RESPONSIBILITIES

- Establish and lead K-RITH
- Oversee the development and implementation of a research plan
- Oversee the construction of the new K-RITH building
- Establish research protocols and procedures for K-RITH
- Lead the effort in obtaining research funding
- Manage strategic planning, quality control, budgeting, staffing, and research
- Establish procedures to ensure compliance with regulatory, ethical guidelines, and other required submissions/approvals
- Set up and develop a scientific training program
- Ensure compliance with reporting funding requirements
- Foster national and international collaborations

Applicants are required to submit a three- to five-page vision statement for K-RITH, two-page summary of current and future research interests, curriculum vitae, and the names and contact details (fax, e-mail and telephone numbers) of three individuals who will act as references.

## APPLICATION MATERIALS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

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Review of materials will begin on May 14, 2009. Preliminary interview process will held in July 2009, on-site in Durban. Final interviews will be held in Chevy Chase in September 2009.

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