



## **UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND, JOHANNESBURG**

### **FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

#### **HEAD OF DEPARTMENT – OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

Applications are invited for the Head of Department of Occupational Therapy in the School of Therapeutic Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.

The Department of Occupational Therapy is responsible for the education and training of occupational therapists at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. In addition, the Department has a strong legacy of research excellence and makes a considerable contribution to the scientific training of postgraduates in the School of Therapeutic Sciences.

The University wishes to appoint a motivated individual, who will be able to continue to develop the department and ensure that the department play an important role in the development of the profession and remain responsive to the health needs of South African society. The successful candidate must move the department into a new era of relevance with a dedicated focus on education, research and service.

#### **Responsibilities:**

The Head of Department will be responsible for providing academic vision and leadership required to enable the Department to establish and maintain a position of excellence within the School of Therapeutic Sciences, the University and in the Profession.

This will involve the management of all academic activities inclusive of teaching and learning, and research at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, student-related and administrative matters within the Department and the School including human resources, financial management and general administration.

The Head of Department will be responsible for the development and promotion of academic excellence within the School in order to maintain its position of excellence and diversity.

#### **Qualifications and Experience:**

A PhD in an appropriate discipline and post-PhD experience of about 5 years would be preferable. Experience in managing occupational therapy in an academic environment and academic administration at a senior level are essential requirements.

The applicant must have excellent leadership, interpersonal and managerial skills and should have attained sufficient academic and professional standing to command the respect of the members of the School, Faculty and University.

The successful candidate will be appointed as Head for a fixed term of 5 years, which is renewable based on performance. Should the appointee be from outside the University, the appointee will be transferred to a continuous academic post at an appropriate level within the appropriate discipline, at the end of the successful term of office.

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**Closing date: 05<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

To apply, Please apply via i-Recruitment <https://irec.wits.ac.za> .

*Please submit a covering letter clearly indicating which post you are applying for, a detailed CV with names, addresses, contact numbers and e-mail addresses of 3 referees via i-Recruitment <https://irec.wits.ac.za>*

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