**PhD OPPORTUNITIES with the SARChI Chair in Health Policy and Systems at the Centre for Health Policy, School of Public Health, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg**

The Centre for Health Policy is seeking to appoint a **PhD intern / fellow** wishing to do a PhD in health systems and policy research. (The one-year internship allows the candidate to prepare a strong PhD application both to the School’s PhD programme and to the NRF for funding.)

CHP has a growing programme of work on community-based health care, with a team of PhD and post-doctoral fellows that the successful candidate will join. The topic area for the PhD is likely to be adolescent mental health. The successful candidate will have an opportunity to be part of team conducting research in the new urban health and demographic site in Gauteng (GRT-Inspired).

The **Centre for Health Policy** (CHP) is situated within the **School of Public Health** at the University of the Witwatersrand. CHP is committed to building capacity in health policy and systems research, offering a nurturing, supportive environment that emphasizes mentorship and skills-development for people passionate about a career in the field.

We offer a dynamic environment in which to conduct cutting-edge, multi-disciplinary health systems and policy research; to engage in national & international policy debates; to participate in international consortia, as well as publish. CHP’s current research focuses on health systems, human resources, health care financing, access to health care, implementation research, as well as systematic and rapid reviews for decision-making. In addition, our work includes policy engagement and postgraduate teaching. We have an established national and international reputation, and our success is built on innovation and diversity. We are seeking outstanding individuals to join our existing and growing team. Website: [www.chp.ac.za](http://www.chp.ac.za)

The successful candidates will be highly motivated, with a strong interest in health equity and social justice, and passionate about research. The **PhD intern / fellow candidates** will have a relevant masters’ degree (e.g., public health, sociology, economics, political science, development studies, epidemiology, biostatistics, social work), preferably some experience of quantitative and/or qualitative analysis. Candidates will need to be 32 or younger in 2024 due to the NRF rules. Ability to speak local languages will be an advantage.

All candidates are expected to have excellent writing and conceptual skills and be able to work well in a multi-disciplinary team.

**Enquiries to**:

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**Applications to:** Vigie Govender at vigie.govender@wits.ac.za

Please type either: Pre-PhD intern/fellow application in the subject line of your email

To apply, all of the following should be submitted:

* a covering letter identifying why you are interested in the internship / fellowship
* a detailed CV, including contact details
* names and contact details of 3 referees
* certified copies of degrees/diplomas
* a short piece of recent written work, or publication, on which you are the first author.

Please note appointments will only be made if there are suitable candidates.

**Closing date** for applications: 30 April 2023