



## **FURTHER PARTICULARS RELATING TO THE POST OF SENIOR LECTURER IN THE DIVISION OF PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTRY IN THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY**

### **FACULTY OF PHARMACY**

#### **THE FACULTY:**

Formal courses leading to a degree in Pharmacy at Rhodes University were first offered in 1956 in what was to become the Department of Pharmacy in the Faculty of Science at Rhodes University. The Department grew to become the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences in the Faculty of Science and in 1980 was established as a Faculty of Pharmacy in its own right when the number of students studying pharmacy exceeded those studying Science. The Faculty of Pharmacy is currently the only Faculty of Pharmacy in South Africa. Interestingly the University has had a much longer association with Pharmacy in South Africa, and it was at a meeting of the then South African Pharmacy Board in January 1929 in Cape Town that Rhodes University College was recognised as an institution where courses of training and study for the Preliminary Scientific Examination for Pharmacy could be attended.

The faculty moved from the “hill” into its current premises in 1988, where we have some state-of-the-art research and teaching facilities that you will be able to visit when you are here.

The Profession of Pharmacy is dynamic and has evolved over the decades to one that focusses on patient centred care whilst retaining a fundamental scientific base to ensure optimum patient outcomes. Consequently, the Bachelor of Pharmacy degree (BPharm) offered at Rhodes University covers the prescribed minimum curriculum required by the South African Pharmacy Council in addition to other important aspects so as to grant graduates of the programme access to a preregistration experience that includes an internship and professional competency evaluation.

Internships can be completed in community, hospital, industrial or an academic pharmacy setting. In order to complete their internship, other than in academic settings, Interns are required to work at an accredited training site for a minimum of 12 months, are required to submit evidence of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and successfully complete two pre-registration examination papers. Successful completion of the internship is followed by registration as a Community Service Pharmacist (CSP), and working as a CSP in the public or other designated sector as required by the National Department of Health.

Successful completion of the CSP year allows registration with the South African Pharmacy Council as a fully qualified pharmacist, which permits pharmacists to practice the Profession of Pharmacy in any setting within the Republic of South Africa. In order to practice, pharmacists are required to maintain their registration with the South African Pharmacy Council annually. The diverse nature of the profession and generalist the generalist nature of the undergraduate degree, permits practice in a variety of settings including but not limited to pharmaceutical manufacturing, wholesaling and distribution, independent or corporate community pharmacy and public or private institutional or hospital pharmacy settings. There are opportunities to work as consultants, research or academic pharmacists with a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree, however further specialisation through postgraduate studies may be required to advance your career prospects. Opportunities exist for postgraduate studies that lead to rewarding careers as clinical, industrial and academic pharmacists.

## **THE UNIVERSITY:**

Rhodes University offers academics a collegial environment where its small size contributes to the quality of work life experienced by staff. A nationally recognised Centre of Higher Education Research, Teaching and Learning (CHERTL), headed by the HoD of Teaching and Learning, supports academics in their professional development as teachers. A highly efficient Research and Innovation Office, headed by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Innovation, seeks to assist academics actively pursuing research interests. A well-functioning and committed administration seeks to support the academic endeavour of the University.

New staff are offered the following benefits:

- payment of reasonable relocation expenses by the institution (further details are provided with an offer of employment);
- transit accommodation for at least six months, possibly up to one year, at reasonable market-related prices, subject to availability of such accommodation;
- possible transferral of academic leave credits (further details are provided with an offer of employment);
- competitive medical aid benefits (Rhodes University runs its own in-house medical aid scheme which has resulted in it being able to offer benefits that compare favourably with other service providers at a lower cost price) and an employer contribution of 50% of medical aid costs;
- competitive provident fund options with an employer contribution of 15%;
- payment of a thirteenth cheque (further details are provided with an offer of employment); and
- housing allowance (further details are provided with an offer of employment).

The current remuneration strategy of the University is to pay academics at the 50th percentile (in the middle of the market compared to other HE employers) of the Higher Education market. An offer made to a prospective staff member will seek to ensure parity with current staff members. A measure of flexibility is provided in the final negotiated salary package, which will be agreed upon between the candidate and the Director: Human Resources.

Living in Makhanda and working at Rhodes University offers a number of additional benefits:

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- supportive environment within the academic department;
- reduced fuel bills;
- proximity to good schools where children can attend as day scholars, see: <https://www.ru.ac.za/jobs/chooserrhodes/choosegog/schoolsingrahamstown/>  
<https://www.ru.ac.za/jobs/chooserrhodes/choosegog/pre-schoolsingrahamstown/>
- proximity to some of the best beaches in the world;
- nearby nature reserves and wilderness areas;
- clean fresh air and a healthy lifestyle;
- a small city with big cultural and academic possibilities;
- generous parental leave benefits, see: <https://www.ru.ac.za/jobs/chooserrhodes/lifestyle/parentalbenefits/>

## **THE POST INCLUDING ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

<b>JOB REQUIREMENTS</b>
EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE
<b>Senior Lecturer</b>
PhD degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry or related field. Candidates with MSc (Pharm) degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry, or MPharm in Pharmaceutical Chemistry or related field, with progress being made towards a PhD will be considered. As a guide, progress implies intended submission within the next 12 months.
PLUS
Experience: Usually 7 to 10 years of teaching experience.
OR
7 to 10 years of professional experience in a health or medicines-related field.
Registration with the South African Pharmacy Council (SAPC) as a pharmacist.
Teaching experience at the undergraduate level required.
Experience in teaching in the following disciplinary areas: Pharmaceutical Analysis and Pharmaceutical Inorganic Chemistry.
Experience in Industrial Pharmacy would be an advantage.
Good research supervision of at least Masters' degrees required.
Track record of administration, management, and/or leadership roles (leadership roles may be informal).
Emerging national profile in discipline.

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All academics are responsible for the dissemination of knowledge (teaching and learning), creation of knowledge (research) and community engagement, recognising that there are differences in the execution of these responsibilities within the various departments and Faculties. Academics are also expected to assume some administrative, management and/or leadership duties at the departmental, Faculty and/or University level.

It is also acknowledged that academics follow different trajectories in their careers. In considering academics for employment, the totality of what an applicant can contribute to Rhodes will be assessed bearing in mind minimum requirements for certain levels of posts as shown above. Each post level has a number of options/categories listed next to each which reflect the possible intersection of the requirements of the post related to teaching and learning, research, community engagement, professional involvement and leadership, administration and management.

Applicants are required to meet the criteria for one of these categories for the relevant post level, please refer to the Academic Role Profile document for further information on the categories and the requirements of the different levels.

## **THE SELECTION PROCESS:**

The following selection process will be followed:

(a) For all applicants applying:

- An application form which should be completed in full, including the level that you are applying for.
- Proof of registration with SAPC.

- A comprehensive CV and relevant qualifications which should include the following: -
  - Reasons for leaving your current and previous jobs.
  - Referees who are and/or were your direct line manager, their title, name, designation and contact information which should be at least their contact number and email address.
- A strong and succinct motivation which tells us your interest in the post/s and suitability relative to the job requirements; your research trajectory and your teaching approach and experience.

It is essential that prospective candidates read the role profile, further particulars relating to this post and ensure that all relevant document submitted.

(b) On the basis of the above information, candidates will be short-listed.

(c) All short-listed candidates will under-go the following processes:

- Referee reports will be solicited, and this will be done shortly after the short-listing. Candidates will be asked to please advise referees of this process.
- Candidates will be expected to give a presentation to an audience comprising the selection committee and/or members of the department. This will be followed by a question-and-answer session.
- Panel interview process likely to take place after the presentation.

(d) An employment check (checking of qualifications, checking of research record, checking of past employment record, etc.) is undertaken on -candidate recommended for appointment.

The University reserves the right to check qualifications and the accuracy of any information supplied. Should it become apparent that information provided has been fabricated or deliberately altered, the applicant will forfeit their application.

Rhodes University has a vaccination mandate as part of its Conditions of Service. The implementation of the vaccine mandate has been held in abeyance from 01 January 2023. Should the COVID-19 situation change in a way that the number of cases of COVID-19 pose a threat to the University, the implementation of the Vaccine Mandate will be re-activated, and all staff would be required to be fully vaccinated.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to confirm your publication and research records and, if necessary, access such documentation. Information so gained may be used to assess your suitability for short-listing.

All applications will be treated in strict confidence. The University may opt to appoint on a fixed-term contract of not less than three-years for both posts. The University reserves the right not to proceed with the filling of these posts. An application in itself does not entitle the applicant to an interview. Please apply online by accessing the Rhodes University Website.

If you have any further queries about the selection process, please do not hesitate to contact the HR Division at [hrrecruitment@ru.ac.za](mailto:hrrecruitment@ru.ac.za) or 046 603 8043/8114.

Our best wishes to you in your application.

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