

The David & Elaine Potter Foundation Seminar Programme invites you to attend the workshop:

Translational Research: Bridging the Gap between the Laboratory and the Clinic

Date: 31 October

Venue: Wolfson Lecture Theatre, FHS, UCT

Host: Melissa Blumenthal (PhD candidate, IDM, Department of IBMS; David & Elaine Potter Foundation Fellow)

This workshop will focus on the tools needed in both the laboratory and clinic to bridge the gap between molecular biologists and clinicians, resulting in collaboration and valuable clinical research outputs. Attendees will be introduced to the worlds of laboratory and clinical research and be given opportunity to network and make contact with those in the faculty who can provide assistance on conducting clinical research projects and grant writing.

Speakers:

Dr Georgia Schäfer

Research Officer/Lecturer Division of Medical Biochemistry, IDM, FHS, UCT.

Dr Zainab Mohamed

Head Clinical Unit, Division of Radiation Oncology, Groote Schuur Hospital and FHS, UCT.

Dr Delva Shamley

Director of the Clinical Research Centre, FHS, UCT.

Dr David Choveaux

Project manager of Grant Writing, FHS Research Office, UCT.

Who should attend? This workshop is aimed at postgraduate students and early-career scientists from the Faculty of Health Sciences who are involved in clinical research or interested in undertaking clinical research in the future.

The number of participants is limited and will be selected on a first reply basis. Please RSVP to Melissa Blumenthal (BLMMEL001@myuct.ac.za) to reserve your place.

PROGRAMME	
11h00-11h45	Arrival and registration, tea and coffee
11h45-12h00	Welcome and introduction of speakers
12h00-12h30	<p>Speaker one: Dr Georgia Schäfer – A laboratory science perspective</p> <p>Dr Schäfer is a Research Officer at UCT and an Associate Member of the IDM. Her research group focusses on host-pathogen interactions of oncogenic viruses, primarily Kaposi's sarcoma-associated herpesvirus and Human Papillomavirus. Dr Schäfer is a well published molecular biologist and her recent track record includes clinical research studies. Dr Schäfer will give an account of clinical research from the laboratory point of view.</p> 
12h30-13h00	<p>Speaker two: Dr Zainab Mohamed – A clinic perspective</p> <p>Dr Mohamed is a Radiation Oncologist at Groote Schuur Hospital and UCT, runs the Lymphoma and Kaposi Sarcoma clinics and is also involved in palliative care teaching for Radiation Oncologists. Dr Mohamed has a special interest in the management of HIV-related lymphomas, Kaposi's sarcoma and Multicentric Castleman disease and has been involved in numerous clinical research studies surrounding these diseases. Dr Mohamed will share her wealth of valuable experience from the clinical perspective.</p> 
13h00-13h30	Discussion
13h30-14h15	Lunch break
14h15-14h45	<p>Speaker three: Dr Delva Shamley – A clinical research perspective</p> <p>Dr Shamley is the director of the UCT Clinical Research Centre (CRC), a team of experienced staff who guide and advise researchers in key aspects of conducting their clinical research projects. The CRC aims to support UCT clinical researchers to conduct cost-effective, efficient and compliant studies by offering advice, training and tools. With a wealth of training and experience in clinical research, Dr Shamley will speak to bridging the laboratory and clinical sides of clinical research.</p> 
14h45-15h15	<p>Speaker four: Dr David Choveaux – A grant writing perspective</p> <p>Dr Choveaux is the project manager of Grant Writing in the Faculty of Health Sciences Research Office, providing support to scientists who are writing grant applications to enable and enhance the submission of funding proposals to international agencies. From this perspective, Dr Choveaux will provide valuable insight into the logistics and requirements for a successful grant application for clinical research.</p> 
15h15-15h45	Discussion
15h45-16h00	Final discussion, closure and thanks