



**PROFESSOR AND HEAD**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND MENTAL HEALTH**  
**FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES: UNIVERSITY**  
**OF CAPE TOWN & DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS:**  
**WESTERN CAPE GOVERNMENT**

The University of Cape Town and the Department of Health and Wellness of the Western Cape Government invite applications for this highly challenging and exciting permanent post of Professor and Head: Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health within UCT's world-leading Faculty, for appointment as soon as possible.

The Faculty of Health Sciences' vision is to be a centre of excellence in health sciences that is locally relevant and globally competitive. Established in 1912, the Faculty is a leading Faculty of Health Sciences on the African continent.

The mission of the Faculty of Health Sciences is carried out in close collaboration with the Department of Health and Wellness of the Western Cape Provincial Government. Governed by a dynamic bilateral agreement, the faculty and province seek to enhance the mental wellness of the people of the Western Cape through the ethos of 'learning while serving and serving while learning'.

The Head of the Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health, appointed at Groote Schuur Hospital, will provide leadership and oversight of the broader provincial mental health platform, spanning tertiary, specialist and district-level services. This includes the Metro-based psychiatric services at Groote Schuur, Valkenberg, Red Cross War Memorial Children's, Lentegour and Alexandra hospitals, together with associated district hospital services, including Victoria, New Somerset and Mitchells Plain hospitals.

The Head of Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health will lead and manage mindful of the local ecosystem realities of the Western Cape while reflecting a nuanced understanding of the national South African context and contributing the continental and global development. Such leadership will include service provision, teaching, training and research and social accountability. The Head of Department must work with both university and provincial structures to create a dynamic strategic vision and mission and effective operational plan for the department which resonate with the needs of communities as well as both university and government priorities. The essence of headship is to give academic and clinical leadership to the department, to be committed to its service platforms, scholarship, teaching, and standards, to develop its staff, and to maintain it as a well-functioning academic and clinical department.

For detailed information on this post, please view the job description on the following link: ([view](#))

To view and apply for this position, please visit the UCT Jobs site [View](#) (For Internal Applicants) and [View](#) (For external Applicants) to create a profile and to submit your application.

**Closing date:** 30 July 2026

**Reference:**

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