



PhD opportunity and scholarship

Project title:

Use of Point of Care HIV Viral Load Monitoring to improve Viral Load Suppression among Children and Adolescents Living with HIV in East Africa (EAPoC-VL).

The Kilimanjaro Clinical Research Institute (KCRI) is an academic Centre for evidence-based health interventions. The institute initiates and conducts medical research to develop evidence for interventions and provides research training and necessary research logistics to collaborators and partners. KCRI, in collaboration with the Eastern Africa Consortium for Clinical Research (EACCR2) funded by EDCTP, wishes to announce a PhD Sponsorship through the EAPoC-VL project. The project aims to evaluate the feasibility, acceptability and effectiveness of PoC HIV VL monitoring to improve VL suppression rates among children and adolescents in East Africa (Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania and Rwanda). This PhD position will be placed in workpackage 2 which is led by KCRI and Amsterdam Institute of Global Health and Development (AIGHD). This workpackage is focusing on implementation of EA-PoC and will mainly look at feasibility and acceptability of the intervention by conducting mixed-methods research.

With this, KCRI is pleased to announce the following PhD studentship opportunity along with a four-year scholarship for the successful applicant.

Qualification

Masters (MSc or MMed level) degree in:

- Public Health
- Clinical Research
- Epidemiology
- Social Sciences or related

Necessary experience/skills

- Very good spoken and written English and Kiswahili
- Demonstrated two / three years plus of post-master's experience with mixed methods research or at least quantitative and qualitative research,
- Documented experience in writing-up of research findings, e.g. publications in peer-review journals (added advantage) or a master thesis
- Computer skills including word processing, spreadsheets, SPSS, basic data entry, and email
- Leadership and supervision skills
- Collaborative research as part of a team

Desired experience/skills

- Field work and qualitative data collection
- Study coordination
- Data organisation with NVivo or Atlas

Scholarship Stipend and Terms

- The successful applicant will be registered with the University of Amsterdam - Netherlands for four years
- Should be daily and full-time available in KCRI, with the exception when in the field or in the Netherlands (annually), in addition being fully exempted from other duties
- Possibility to travel to the Netherlands for longer periods and EA-PoC countries on a regular basis
- You will be awarded stipend each month for up to four years

The supervisory committee will consist of the following people at least:

- Main promotor: Prof. Dr. Ria Reis (Amsterdam Institute of Global Health)
- Main co-promotor/daily supervisor: Dr. Marion Sumari-de Boer (Kilimanjaro Clinical Research Institute/Amsterdam Institute of Global health)
- Co-promotor: Adjunct Prof. Dr. Blandina Mmbaga (Kilimanjaro Clinical Research Institute)

- You will act as a project coordinator

Mode of Application and Documents

Applications must include the following:

- Motivation letter.
- Signed letter of application.
- Current resume or curriculum vitae.
- Three letters of reference, one of these should be able to attest to your academic performance during your MSc/MMed (or equivalent).
- Photocopies of certificates and academic transcripts.

- Applicant mailing address, contact telephone number(s), and e-mail address.
- Confirmation of study leave from your employer/work station.

The application procedure will comprise the following steps:

1. Advert
2. Scoring of CVs and invitation for next step of shortlisted candidates
3. Writing assignment
4. Scoring of writing assignment with invitation of maximum of three persons for interview
5. Interview
6. Scoring of interviews and decision

Your interest in this position and/or application should reach the undersigned as soon as possible and not later than 10th December 2020. Please send a soft copy of all documents requested to all emails below.

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