



COMMONWEALTH DL SCHOLARSHIPS: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS, 2013 ACADEMIC YEAR

The LSHTM, in partnership with Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC), and the National Institute for Medical Research in Tanzania, is pleased to announce that their application for funding through the Commonwealth Scholarships in Health Programme has been successful.

Applications are therefore invited from employees of NIMR-Tanga or Amani Centres or KCMC (including KCMUniversity College) the following Distance Based Learning (DBL) MSc Courses provided by the LSHTM / University of London External Programme:

- MSc in Epidemiology by Distance Learning
- MSc in Infectious Diseases by Distance Learning
- MSc in Public Health by Distance Learning
- MSc in Clinical Trials by Distance learning
- MSc in Global Health Policy by Distance Learning (new in 2011)

Selection process

A selection committee at KCMC will review all applications in April 2013. The Committee will short-list up to three candidates based on their professional and academic record and the broad eligibility criteria below. Applications will then be submitted to the University of London's External Programme for review, when a final decision will be made. We expect that one or two applicants will be successful.

Eligibility Criteria

Candidates meeting the following eligibility requirements are encouraged to apply:

Essential (these criteria are essential for selection):

1. Current staff or postgraduate students of KCMC, KCMUC or NIMR Tanga or NIMR Amani Centres
2. Have an Advanced Diploma, first Degree (e.g. BSc) or equivalent minimum academic training. Candidates with a Diploma qualification may be considered in exceptional circumstances
3. Have made a significant, demonstrable contribution to research or clinical care.
4. Proven excellent spoken and written English language skills
5. Proven excellent computer skills in use of MS Word, MS Excel.

Desirable (would be an advantage):

1. High quality written output such as peer-reviewed journal articles or formal reports for donor-agencies
2. Able to demonstrate clearly in writing how a scholarship will enhance your future contribution to research / project implementation
3. Experience of data analysis using STATA, SPSS or NVIVO would be an advantage for some MSc courses



Application process

The Scholarships Selection Committee welcome applications from candidates but the following format must be followed. Applications that do not meet these requirements will not be considered:

1. **Covering letter:** describing (a) how a scholarship place would benefit your future career and enhance your future contribution to the field (b) the MSc course which you think is most suitable for you (c) how you meet the criteria outlined above, responding specifically to each point (d) showing a detailed plan on how you would ensure that there is sufficient time for the course as well as for your job.
2. **Curriculum Vitae:** a well written, up to date CV with publication list and including the names of two referees (*to be contacted following the initial selection process*) and a copy of your transcripts.
3. **Letter of Support:** applications will not be considered without a Letter of Support from your current head of programme or section.

Note that the three documents required for the initial selection process at KCMC are the also those that will be submitted to LSHTM and to the University of London and so must be of excellent quality.

Written applications should be sent or given by hand to:

Amina Farah, Joint Malaria Programme, PO Box 2228, KCMC, Moshi

Closing date for receipt of applications:

Friday 12th April 2013

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Further information

Additional information on the structure and content of each MSc Course is available through the LSHTM website: <http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/masters/distance.html>