



Call for Applications for PhD Fellowships

INTRODUCTION

Kilimanjaro Clinical Research Institute (KCRI) at Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC) is inviting applications for two PhD fellowships in a reproductive health project. The project is a collaborative effort involving KCMC, the University of Copenhagen (UC), and the University of Southern Denmark (SDU). The project is funded by the Danish Government through the FFU of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The selected candidates will be enrolled at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical University College (KCMUCo) of Tumaini University, and part of their training during their PhD course will be conducted in Denmark.

PhD Project 1: Partner Violence in Pregnancy

Worldwide, intimate partner violence is a pernicious problem with devastating consequences for women's reproductive health. This PhD project aims to investigate how partner violence affects the health of pregnant women, focusing particularly on women's mental health and the birth weight of their children. The project takes an interdisciplinary approach, combining epidemiology and anthropology. In terms of methodology, it will consist of a prospective cohort study combined with ethnographic interviews and observations. The study aims to identify key elements of a systematic approach to improve reproductive health care services for women experiencing intimate partner violence and will be conducted in close cooperation with civil society organizations.

PhD Project 2: Partner Violence and Induced Abortion

Worldwide, intimate partner violence is a pernicious problem with devastating consequences for women's reproductive health. This PhD project aims to explore the connections between intimate partner violence and experiences of unwanted pregnancy and induced abortion. The project takes an interdisciplinary approach, combining epidemiology and anthropology. In terms of methodology, it will consist of a cross-sectional case control study combined with ethnographic interviews and observations. The study aims to identify key elements of a systematic approach to improve reproductive health care services for women experiencing intimate partner violence and will be conducted in close cooperation with civil society organizations.

PhD Supervision

Senior faculty from KCMC, UC, and SDU will be involved in the supervision of the PhD candidates. KCMUCo will facilitate selection of the supervisors. The selected PhD candidates will be offered a three-year scholarship, spending 3 months each year on coursework in Denmark. Evaluation of the progress of PhD activities will be done according to regulations of the KCMUCo.

Requirements

The successful candidate must have:

- An MPhil, MSc, MPH, or other Masters degree in a relevant field, such as public health, sociology, anthropology, or
- a 1st degree in a health related field with a minimum pass of 60%, or
- a 2nd degree in a health related field with a minimum pass of 60%,
- Interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and proven experience in scientific exploration in the areas outlined above,
- A strong ambition to accomplish the research goals and to pursue a scientific career path,
- Willingness to work in a team,
- Strong command of English in speaking and writing,
- Willingness to conduct extensive field research in Tanzania and ability to spend 3 months each year in Denmark,
- Full time availability during the PhD period

Priority will be given to candidates with documented interest in/previous experience with *qualitative health research* or *epidemiological field research*.

The Application Letter Must Include

- A letter motivating the application
- Applicant's detailed address (including e-mail and mobile number)
- A 2-3 page information about your research background relevant to the position
- Certified copies of certificates and academic transcripts
- Recent CV indicating position and employer
- List of peer reviewed publications and national/international scientific presentations
- Two letters of recommendation from academicians with their telephone numbers and e-mail addresses

Application Deadline

The application deadline is **March 1, 2013**

All applications must be submitted to:

Ms Rogathe Machange

KCRI – KCMC

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Moshi, Tanzania

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Please note that all short-listed candidates will be required to attend a selection interview and to give a presentation. The interview will take place between March 11 and 15.

More Information

Further information can be obtained from Ms Rogathe Machange

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