



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI EXTERNAL JOB VACANCIES PROJECT POSITIONS

Applications are invited for the following positions:

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, ONE HEALTH REGIONAL NETWORK FOR THE HORN OF AFRICA (HORN) PROJECT, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH - AC/12/354/19 (2 POSTS) (CHS)

The project

One Health Regional Network for the Horn of Africa (HORN) is a collaborative research and training programme between the University of Nairobi and University of Liverpool, implemented by the Department of Public Health Pharmacology and Toxicology of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and the School of Public Health, University of Nairobi. The project addressed One Health, the concept that the health of people, animals and the environment are inextricably linked.

The position

The project is recruiting two post-doctoral research associates in interests in understanding and improving human and animal health in Africa by making advances in the fields of inter-linkages of human, animal and ecosystems health. The successful candidate will be based in Kenya. The areas of research to be undertaken will be flexible but the following skills and backgrounds will be prioritized: Public Health; Microbiologist Specializing In Antimicrobial Resistance; Veterinary Epidemiologist; Livestock Economist; Health Economist; Anthropologist; Public Health Epidemiologist; Data Scientist; Vector Biologist; And One Health Specialist.

Key research areas

- Zoonoses at the wildlife/livestock and human interphases focusing on bacterial/viral/parasitic zoonoses
- Zoonoses along the livestock product value chains
- Zoonoses at the domestic/wildlife/livestock and human interphase focusing on sociocultural, socioeconomic aspects and their impact on livelihoods
- Antimicrobial resistance for bacterial isolates obtained from zoonoses at the wildlife/livestock and human interphase and livestock product value chains
- Environmental health, socioeconomic and culture of people on disease occurrence with emphasis on interlinkages of human, animal and ecosystem health
- Multidisciplinary OH research incorporating human health, animal health, wildlife and ecosystems health with focus on sociocultural, socioeconomic impact, food security, climate change and conflict.

- Applied HORN multidisciplinary research in collaboration with a county endemic in Kenya for a OH zoonotic diseases in order to demonstrate sociocultural, socioeconomic impact and elimination strategy.

Job description

- Undertake and contribute to an internationally-excellent research programme relevant to One Health with supervision and mentoring provided by project academic leads.
- Support and mentor other HORN-funded researchers undertaking research placements in Kenya and elsewhere.
- Be responsible for own (supervised) research programme in Kenya including managing a financial budget.
- Contribute to the design, development and delivery of teaching materials in relevant areas.
- Travel within Kenya, to the UK and other HORN-partner countries as required
- Interact with project partners in Kenya, UK and other HORN-countries in a professional manner.
- Assist the academic leads and project managers in all activities related to the delivery of HORN's objectives
- Liaise closely with the co-PI based at the School of Public Health, College of Health Sciences and co-PI based at the Department of Public Health Pharmacology and Toxicology, College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences, University of Nairobi.

Qualifications

- PhD obtained in the last 5 years in a relevant area from a university recognized by the Senate of the University of Nairobi
- Publication of international quality research papers appropriate for your level of experience
- Good interpersonal skills, including cultural sensitivity
- Computer and analytical skills
- Ability to work both individually and as a team
- Resilient, adaptable and motivated
- Experience of managing a research financial budget and undertaking research in a developing country setting is desirable

BIOINFORMATICIAN, KENYA AIDS VACCINE INITIATIVE – INSTITUTE OF CLINICAL RESEARCH – AD/12/355/19 (1 POST) (CHS)

The program

This is a position in the Indo-African Dengue project on pathogen sequencing, whose station is at the KAVI-Institute of Clinical Research, College of Health Sciences.

The position

The position is based in Nairobi and is tenable on one year contract, renewable on mutual agreement.

Qualifications:

Applicants must have a Bachelors degree in medical or biological sciences and a Masters or PhD degree in Bioinformatics, Computational Biology or a related field. They should also have skills to perform bioinformatics analysis. Those with skills in performing wet-lab assays and preparation of manuscripts will have added advantage.

Key responsibilities:

Coordinating with clinicians and laboratory technologists for samples; collaboration in new research; design and implement bioinformatics data analysis pipeline for viruses and bacteria pathogens; analysis of next-generation genome sequencing data; and be technical point of contact person for the project at KAVI-ICR and NCBS, India.

STUDY COORDINATOR, MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTIONS FOR PREGNANT ADOLESCENTS, INSPIRE PROJECT, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY – AD/12/356/19 (1 POST) (CHS)**Background**

The US Fogart International Centre and National Institutes of Mental Health (NIMH) has awarded an K43 grant entitled implementing mental health interventions for pregnant adolescents in primary care context to the University of Nairobi. The grant award is for the period September 2018 up to April 2023.

The position

The position of Study Coordinator is located in Nairobi and is tenable on one year contract, renewable on mutual agreement.

Job description

- Oversee field visits for data collection and follow ups
- Conducting interviews and follow up assessments
- Sourcing participants in liaison with other health workers
- Helping in preparing the delivery of various interventions
- Regular communication with project team
- Oversee research activities
- Writing of progress reports

Qualifications

- Masters degree in Clinical Psychology or a related field from a recognized institution
- At least two years experience of work in community mental health and delivering cum supervising psychotherapists in primary health care facilities of Nairobi
- Experience in managing donor funded health professional education/training in higher institutions will be desirable.
- Demonstrate ability to have productive interactions with stakeholders, partners and students involved in mental health and have some exposure to working on mental health projects
- A record of success in operating in a team environment to achieve organizational goals
- Demonstrate effectiveness in managing multiple priorities and programmes
- Exposure to evidence-based psychotherapies like IPT
- Basic research skills in data collection, analysis, etc.

LEAD NURSE, DAPPER PROJECT, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY – AD/12/357/19 (1 POST) (CHS)**Background**

The Depression and Primary care Partnership for Effectiveness Implementation Research (DAPPER) project is a grant awarded to the University of Nairobi in collaboration with the University of California in San Francisco, Kenya Medical Research Institute and Makerere University to conduct effectiveness implementation hybrid randomized clinical trial of psychotherapy versus pharmacotherapy delivered by

non-specialists in Kisumu County. The project is implemented with support from the Office of Research and Grants Advancement and Support.

The position

The project seeks to recruit a Lead Nurse to support the activities of the DAPPER project. The position is based at Kisumu County Hospital, Kisumu. The appointment is on contractual terms of one year, renewable based on performance and mutual agreement.

Qualifications

The candidate is expected to have:

- Diploma level education in Nursing, with preference given to psychiatric nursing or certification/further training in psychiatry.
- Experience with medical drugs delivery in Kisumu, Kenya is desirable but not a must.
- Excellent communication skills
- Computer and internet access skills with daily access to internet
- High interpersonal skills, high emotional intelligence with strong empathy
- Attention to detail, top notch organizational skills, ability to proactively identify and solve problems.
- Ability to establish rapport with diverse people and productively lead teams.

Job description

- Assessment and treatment of study participants assigned with treatment with fluoxetine
- Establishment of an outpatient clinic at Kisumu County Hospital in collaboration with the staff/health providers
- Assessment of other outpatients coming to or referred to psychiatric clinic
- At least weekly internet telephone or email updates with principal investigators, local co-investigators and UCSF based teams
- Taking charge and assigning participants to locum nurses who may be recruited to the study as providers
- Participate in the organization of the study participant recruitment, and participate in flow for fluoxetine arm of the intervention.
- Collaborate with and provide feedback to the lead study coordinators, identify any problems or crises with study personnel or participants and bring them quickly to the attention of lead and assistant study coordinators and principals investigators as necessary.
- To be on site for the study duration with exception of emergencies
- Any other duties as may be assigned from time to time

PROJECT ACCOUNTANT, DAPPER PROJECT, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY – AD/12/358/19 (1 POST) (CHS)

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The position

The project seeks to recruit an Accountant to support the activities of the DAPPER project. The position is on contractual terms of one year, renewable based on performance and mutual agreement.

Job description

The Accountant is responsible for supporting budget preparation, invoicing and accounts reconciliation. The position supports use of resources efficiently and effectively as well as to ensure that activities are within the budget. It also ensures that financial reports are prepared and submitted on time and also ensuring compliance with donor regulations. They are also expected to take up any other duties as may be assigned from time to time.

Qualifications

The candidate is expected to have:

- Bachelors degree in Commerce, Economics or Accounting from a recognized institution.
- Qualified as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK)
- Five years work experience of which two must be in donor funded projects, preferable clinical research projects.
- Excellent communication skills
- Computer and internet access skills with daily access to internet
- High interpersonal skills and emotional intelligence
- Attention to detail, top notch organizational skills, ability to proactively identify and solve problems.
- Ability to establish rapport with diverse people.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTIONS FOR PREGNANT ADOLESCENTS, INSPIRE PROJECT, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY – AD/12/359/19 (1 POST) (CHS)

The program

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Qualifications

Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in science or related field. They should have at least 2 years experience in research management, data collection in public or mental health including health services research. They should also have skills in data entry using SPSS, Excel and basic data analytic and reporting. They should demonstrate ability to have productive interactions with project stakeholders, partners and students involved in mental health and have exposure working on mental health projects; operating in a team environment; and effectiveness in managing multiple priorities and programmes. The applicants are expected to have strong organizational skills and be familiar with administrative policies and procedures in a university environment.

Key responsibilities

Assisting with field visits for data collection and follow up; conducting interviews and follow up assessments; sourcing participants in liaison with other health workers; helping in preparing the delivery of various interventions; and regular communication with the project team.

STUDY COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER, GESTATIONAL DIABETES MELLITUS, GESTATIONAL HYPERTENSION AND RISK OF METABOLIC SYNDROME (MetSA) PROJECT, DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY – AD/12/360/19 (1 POST) (CHS)

The position

The position is based at the Kenyatta National Hospital, Nairobi and is tenable on one year contract, renewable on mutual agreement.

Job description

The primary purpose is to map household locations using smart phones GPS capabilities, prepare field reports and progress reports for the Study Nurse and conduct participant follow-up activities and feedback sessions to ensure universal retention and other duties as directed by the principal investigator.

Qualifications

Applicants must have KCSE Certificate or equivalent. They must have a minimum of two years experience in field research activities involving facility and community based follow-up of participants. They must be trained in research ethics.

NOTES

1. Applicants for academic posts (AC) should submit ten (10) of their application letters accompanied by similar number of certified copies of certificates and CV giving details of their qualifications and experience.
2. Applicants for non-academic posts (AD) should submit seven (7) of their application letters accompanied by similar number of certified copies of certificates and CV giving details of their qualifications and experience.
3. In both cases, applications and related documents should be forwarded through the applicants' heads of departments. In addition, applicants should state their current designations and salaries and other benefits attached to those designations. They should quote post reference codes as shown for each posts in the advertisement.
4. Applications should be addressed as per the codes below:-

CHS The Principal, College of Health Sciences, Box 30197-00100, Nairobi.

CLOSING DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019.

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ONLY SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE CONTACTED.**