EMPLOYMENT/CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Unit is an internationally recognised centre of excellence with dominant research themes in the areas of HIV and emerging infections, vaccines and immunity, and chronic diseases and cancer. Through a multidisciplinary approach, intersecting basic science, epidemiological research, social-behavioural research and the conduct of new intervention evaluation studies, the Unit contributes knowledge on changing epidemics and diseases, the evaluation of innovative health care options, treatment and prevention and the development of health policy and practice in Africa and worldwide. Following the signing of strategic transfer agreements between the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and the Medical Research Council (MRC UK), the Unit formally joined LSHTM on 1st February 2018. The exciting new partnership will boost research capacity into current and emerging health issues in Africa and throughout the world. The Unit is based at the UVRI Entebbe campus with established outposts in Kalungu, Masaka, Wakiso and Kampala Districts. The Unit is now seeking an enthusiastic and experienced individual to fill the following position:

Field Worker (01 Position)
Position Code: FW-820
Reports to: Senior Scientist
Station: Entebbe
Duration: 1 year

Job Purpose:
To support the Project Leader, Community Liaison Officer and Site Study team to coordinate study activities required for recruitment, maintaining participant attendance logs, contact information and tracing participants missing their scheduled visits. In the initial period, the field worker will support activities of the CoVAB studies; however, it is anticipated that he/she will take on additional roles as more CoVAB related projects are implemented.

Roles & Responsibilities

- To explain study purpose to potential participants;
- To assist in participant recruitment;
- To administer study information and obtain informed consent;
- When required, will assist clinical staff during clinical procedures including blood draws, BP measurement, verbal autopsies among others;
- To transport study samples, by motorcycle if necessary, from clinic/study sites to the appropriate laboratory for timely processing;
- To liaise with the Project Leader, Site Coordinators and the Community Liaison Officer (CLO) to minimize loss to follow up and plan home visits;
- To update contact information, track and trace participants with missed visits;
- To track supplies/consumables for the study sites;
- To contribute to data collection and cleaning; and,
- To operate and maintain an adequately serviced motorcycle in accordance with the national highway code and the MRC/UVRI & LSHTM fleet regulations.
Key performance indicators

- Smooth participant recruitment process;
- Accurate data collection;
- An up-to-date participants contact information;
- Good retention of participants in the study; and,
- Good interpersonal skills with other team members, with study participants and collaborators.

Person Specification

- Minimum of Post-secondary diploma/certificate science field or a bachelor’s degree in any humanities field;
- Certificate in health education/health promotion, GCP, counselling, research methods are an added advantage;
- At least 1 years’ experience carrying out similar work in a medical research setting;
- Experience in community mobilisation and sensitization;
- Experience in data collection and cleaning;
- Experience in mobilisation and community engagement for research;
- Experience riding motorcycles with class A riding Permit;
- Good command of both English and Luganda;
- User knowledge in computer applications; and,
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.

How to Apply

Follow the link below to fill a form and submit your application documentation:

[https://redcap.link/FieldWorkers](https://redcap.link/FieldWorkers)

*Filling the form more than once will lead to automatic disqualification. High level of integrity while filling the form is required and will be considered during shortlisting.*

Deadline for application is **28th August 2020, 5:00pm**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview. This position is open to Ugandan nationals only. Strictly follow the application procedure as failure to do so will lead to automatic disqualification.

The applications should be addressed to:

The Head of Human Resources,
MRC/ UVRI and LSHTM Uganda Research Unit,
P.O. Box, 49,
Entebbe, Uganda.

Consider your application unsuccessful if not contacted within eight (8) weeks after the closing date of the advert. Any form of lobbying at any stage will lead to automatic disqualification. By submitting your personal information, you consent to the MRC/ UVRI and LSHTM Uganda Research Unit holding and using it in accordance with its recruitment policy and procedure. The Unit reserves the right to verify documents attached with the relevant awarding institutions to authenticate their validity.

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