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:

Laboratory Technologist - Biorepository (01 Position)

Position Code: LT -820
Reports to: Senior laboratory technologist (Biorepository)
Station: Entebbe
Duration: 1 year, renewable subject to availability of funds

Job Purpose:

The post holder will be responsible for day-to-day sample accessioning, processing, storage and retrieval activities within the Unit biorepository in accordance to GCLP standards and ISBER best practices.

Roles & Responsibilities

- Reception, labelling and Storage of samples within the biorepository;
- Ensure that the samples in the freezers are well-organized and all available storage data captured within the storage database;
- Sample data entry and management in Freezer works database;
- Identify and retrieve samples for testing in-house use and international shipments;
- Maintain up-to-date retrieval and shipping inventories within the storage database;
- Conduct regular QC of the physical samples against their associated data within freezer works;
- Environmental monitoring of freezer temperatures and emergence response to alarms;
- Record and monitor temperatures for freezers ensuring that they are clean, operating within set temperature ranges and the maintenance logs are kept up-to date;
- Identify and record Corrective and preventive actions within the biorepository section;
- Writes technical Standard operating procedures; and,
- To be fully aware and comply with the units Health and safety;
Person Specification

- Bachelor’s degree in biomedical laboratory technology (or equivalent);
- Minimum 1yrs practical experience within a clinical or biomedical research laboratory environment;
- Should have good practical skills in the required clinical laboratory techniques;
- Experience in using Freezer works sample management database or similar is desired;
- Should have IATA Certification;
- Should have good practical skills and knowledge in a range of sample handling and storage requirements;
- Possession of knowledge of ISBER best practices for Repositories/Documentation is desired;
- Equipment troubleshooting skills / GCLP/ documentation skills;
- Should possess computer skills with proficiency in Word, Excel, Access & Power point;
- Great communication skills; and,
- Good interpersonal skills.

How to Apply

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

https://redcap.link/labTechBiorepo

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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