EMPOWERMENT/CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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 enthusiastic and experienced individuals to fill the following positions:

Nursing Officer (02 Positions)
Position Code: NO -820
Reports to: Medical Officer
Station: Kawempe & Masaka
Duration: 10 months

Job Purpose:

The research-nursing officer shall be responsible for the active screening, recruitment randomization and follow-up care of neonates recruited into the OMWANA study according to the study standard operating procedures. The nursing officer will also contribute to data collection and entry. In addition, he/she will provide care for study participants and when possible other patients within the neonatal unit as a member of the neonatal team.

Roles & Responsibilities

- To provide study information and health education to patients’/ study participants
- To screen infants for study eligibility
- To obtain informed written consent from study participants
- To administer and record research related interviews, questionnaires and/or checklists
- To ensure optimal recruitment and retention of study participants
- To provide nursing care and support for participating mothers and neonates following study guidelines
- To support physiological monitoring of infants including heat rate, oxygen saturations, temperature and blood sugars
- To write referrals for patients’/ study participants as and when required
- To draw blood samples from patients'/study participants as appropriate
- To provide technical guidance to site health workers and non-clinical co-interviewers during study visits
- To participate in training and organising site meetings
To facilitate health worker trainings
To track and order supplies/consumables
To ensure accurate record of data before leaving the site
To work as part of the study site hospital neonatal team in caring for admitted neonates
To communicate any adverse events to the study investigators in a timely manner

**Person Specification**

- Diploma in nursing & midwifery.
- Bachelor’s degree in nursing & midwifery from a recognised institution is an added advantage.
- At least 1-year experience in clinical practice.
- At least 1-year experience in a research setting working on clinical trials.
- Experience in new-born care and particularly care of the sick and small new-born is desired.
- Previous experience of implementing research study protocols.
- Understanding of ICH/GCP for human research.
- Certification in ICH/GCP for human research is an added advantage.
- Fluency in English and Luganda.

**How to Apply**

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

https://redcap.link/NurseOfficer

*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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