

MRC/UVRI and LSHTM Uganda Research Unit



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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 enthusiastic and experienced individuals to fill the following positions:

Medical/Clinical Officer (04 Positions)

Position Code: M/CO519

Reports to: Project leader & site pediatrician

Duty stations: Entebbe, Jinja, Iganga, Masaka

Contract Duration: 2 Years

About the Study

The OMWaNA study is a partnership between the (MRC/UVRI), the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and Makerere University. It is a randomized controlled trial (RCT) whose primary aim is to examine the impact of Kangaroo mother care (KMC) initiated before stabilisation on mortality within 7 days relative to standard care amongst neonates $\leq 2000g$.

The study will be conducted in four sites in Uganda: Jinja Regional Referral Hospital, Masaka Regional Referral Hospital, Entebbe Regional Referral Hospital and Iganga District Hospital.

Job Purpose:

The Medical/Clinical officer shall be responsible for the active recruitment into the OMWANA study according to standard operating procedures. 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

- **Participant recruitment and retention-** Obtains informed consent, screens for study eligibility, enrolls and follows up study participants
- **Clinical care-** Provides clinical care to study participants and conducts referrals as appropriate
- **Data collection and management-** Collects data as required by the protocol, completes source documents and CRFs and submits them for data entry, and resolves queries
- **Administrative-** supervises other study team members
- Conduct of continued professional development (CPD) training activities and maintenance of documentation of such trainings
- Preparation of progress reports to UVRI REC and regulatory bodies (UNCST and NDA) when required.
- **PI designee duties-** performs other duties assigned by the project leaders

Person Specification

- Bachelor's degree in medicine and surgery.
- Diploma in Clinical medicine, Health Sciences or a related field from a recognised institution.
- Postgraduate qualification in related specialty 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 newborn health research or other relevant child health outcome research is an added advantage.
- Previous experience of implementing research study protocols.
- Previous experience in research or project leadership
- Previous experience in training and managing small research or project team
- Understanding of ICH/GCP for human research.
- Certification in ICH/GCP for human research is an added advantage.
- Ability to initiate and/or support public engagement and communication activities

Competencies:

Core:

- Personal Integrity
- Emotional Resourcefulness
- Ability to Learn
- Forward Thinking
- Reliability
- Openness to Others

Job Specific:

- Independence
- Analytical Thinking
- Conceptual Thinking
- Proactivity
- Results Orientation

- Thoroughness
- Concern for Excellence
- Flexibility Towards Others
- Service Orientation
- Development Orientation

How to Apply

Fill an online form accordingly by following the link below and there after submit your application documents to the e-mail below:

<https://forms.gle/Vrpc85gdvFRBCc1R7>

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.

Please email your application to recruitment@mrcuganda.org Applications should include academic documents, a cover letter, CV, daytime telephone contact and three traceable professional references. **Combine all application documentation into one PDF document.** Deadline is **Friday 31st May 2019, 5:00pm.**

Your cover letter should demonstrate the following;

- Communication skills,
- Effective teamwork,
- Organisational skills,
- Ability to initiate and support public engagement including but not limited to health talks
- computer literacy / competence

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview. Note that academic qualifications will be subjected to verification by the issuing institutions. This position is open to Ugandan nationals only.

NB: Please quote the following position code in the subject line of the email:

- **M/CO519**

The applications should be addressed to:

The Human Resource and Administration Manager
MRC/ UVRI and LSHTM Uganda Research Unit
P.O.Box, 49
Entebbe, Uganda

The positions are suitable for pediatricians/medical officers or senior clinical officers with research experience. Remuneration for the post will be according to Unit's pay scale and individual's qualification and grade