



**Post Description: Vaccine Centre Student Liaison Officers
(PhD and Msc students are welcome to apply)**

Centre Background: The Vaccine Centre is a collaborative partnership of over 100 scientists hosted by the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine that aims to improve human and animal health through vaccination.

Specifically we aim to:

- Develop new vaccines and evaluate their biological potential
- Test new vaccines for safety, immunogenicity and efficacy
- Evaluate and optimise vaccine programmes and policies – [find out more](#).

The Vaccine Centre has both internal and external Centre members. Internal members include staff and students of LSHTM. External members are academics and members of the community who are interested in LSHTM's work on vaccines. LSHTM staff involved come from a wide array of disciplinary background and work on vaccines at national, regional and global level. The VaC has a steering group which represents the 3 faculties of the school and the African MRC units. This means the VaC is connected to a broad range of vaccine research topics and methodologies, as well as other LSHTM Centres.

Why become an SLO?

- Enhanced access and networking opportunities within all levels of LSHTM.
- Build on skill sets which will improve employability.
- In-depth understanding of topic area outside of the curriculum.
- Shape outputs within the Centre to the student body, wider School community and external audiences.

Key responsibilities:

- **Coordination and communications support**
 - Connect and coordinate the student body (both MSc and PhD students) with the Vaccine Centre. The SLOs will set up and maintain communications to connect students interested in Vaccines with each other. This would involve helping run a student group and representing the voice of this group to the Vaccine Centre Steering Group.
 - The SLOs will work with the Centre Steering Group to contribute ideas for Centre priorities, activities and events on Vaccines that can be led by and be oriented towards the LSHTM Student Body. These might include learning from your peers, summer project seminars or careers events focused on Vaccines.

- Produce content for sharing on social media – the SLOs will contribute content for social media posts and the Vaccine Centre website. Content may be research oriented aimed at members of the School and academic community or public engagement content aimed at improving public trust and understanding of Vaccines.
- Cross-Centre ecosystem – when relevant, work with other Centres on student-based projects whether this is events or communications.
- **Event planning and support**
 - Help formulate ideas and organise the logistical aspects of internal and external events (seminars, symposiums etc). This presents an opportunity to engage external institutions/organisations in evaluation. Support the development of engaging online events and opportunities for students, given the need for a virtual programme of events this year.

Position Duration & Specification: Until end of academic year, current LSHTM Students

Application Details: If interested in the position, please contact vaccines@lshtm.ac.uk with your curriculum vitae, a) why you are interested in vaccines/your background in vaccines b) what student led activities you would like to lead in this role as SLO (200 words max for each answer).

Closing Date for Applications: Monday, 19 October 2020