

# 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 an enthusiastic and experienced individual to fill the following position:

### **Medical Officer (01 Position)**

Position Code: MO - 1021

Reports to: Scientist B

Station: Masaka

Duration: 5months

### **Job Purpose:**

The position holder is responsible for providing medical care to research participants in the COVAC Uganda trial and carrying out other duties that will enable successful implementation of the research project in a timely manner following Good Clinical Practice principles.

The COVAC Uganda Study is a clinical trial that will be conducted at MRC/UVRI & LSHTM Uganda Research Unit at its site in Masaka. It is sponsored by The Imperial College London and funded by the UK Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).

Full title of the trial is: A clinical trial to assess the safety and immunogenicity of LNP-nCoV saRNA-02, a self-amplifying ribonucleic acid (saRNA) vaccine encoding the S glycoprotein of SARS-CoV-2, the causative agent of COVID-19, in SARS-CoV-2 seronegative and seropositive Uganda population

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

#### **1. Principal duties; -**

- Participate in design of study documents such as manuals of operation, SOPs, and publication of findings through abstracts and manuscripts;
- 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 following unit SOPs;
- 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;
- Prescription of Investigational Product (IP) and other concomitant medication - Prescribes and where appropriate administers IP;
- Ensures compliance with the study protocol by providing thorough review and documentation at each subject study visit;
- Is primarily responsible for the accurate completion of visit procedures and collection of information from study participants according to protocols, and for protecting the health, safety, and welfare of research participants;
- The medical officer may be delegated to support the role of study coordination;
- 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; and,
- PI designee duties- performs other duties assigned by the Principal Investigator/study coordinator.

## **2. Financial Management; -**

- Ensures that participants re-imburement is conducted and reviews re-imburement forms for accuracy.

## **3. Line Management; -**

- Will supervise and support junior staff involved in study activities, including nurses, field workers, counsellors, etc.

## **Person Specification**

- Bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery;
- Must be registered with UMDPC with an up to date practicing licence;
- Possession of formal training in public health, research methods, ICH-GCP is desired;
- At least two years' experience in clinical setting;
- Should possess experience in a clinical trial setting;
- Experience in SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 management including management of survivors and sample collection, among others;
- Medical knowledge with ability to diagnose and treat common acute and chronic illnesses;
- Understanding of ICH/GCP guidelines for human research; and,
- Computer Competency including proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel.

## **How to Apply**

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

[https://redcap.link/Medical\\_officer\\_SARS\\_COV](https://redcap.link/Medical_officer_SARS_COV)

*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.*

**Combine all your application documentation i.e. cover letter, CV & academic documents into one PDF document.** Deadline for application is **28<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 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. Only online applications through the link provided will be accepted. You will receive a notification in your email if your application and documentation have been successfully received. In the event you are selected as the best candidate for the job, it will be a requirement to present certified copies of academic documents prior to contracting.

**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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