

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:

Laboratory Technologist (02 Positions)

Position Code: ALT - 1021

Reports to: Senior Scientist

Station: Kyamulibwa/Lukaya

Job Purpose:

The position will participate in a variety of research and analytical laboratory support activities within MRC/UVRI. The position holder will conduct remote sample processing in the field and ensure optimal pre-analytical sample handling of the DOP study. He/she will make detailed observations, and analyse data according to laboratory protocols/SOPs. They will ensure effective functioning of the laboratory while adhering to SOPs and health and safety guidelines. The work as part of a scientific team to carry out a wide variety of Basic Science ancillary laboratory tasks and research experiments according to SOPs. They also provide all the required technical support to enable the laboratory function effectively while adhering to SOPs and health and safety guidelines.

Roles & Responsibilities

- Receiving, processing and storing study samples according to SOPs so as to maximise their quality in subsequent testing;
- Implementing GCLP practices: Cleaning and disinfecting equipment; Tracking equipment servicing requirements; Monitoring temperatures; Data backup; Running equipment performance QCs;
- Ensuring that required reagents and supplies are in sufficient stocks and are kept securely in recommended conditions;
- Performing IATA compliant shipment of samples to and from partner laboratories;
- Ensuring health and safety according to SOPs;
- Conducts basic laboratory data analysis;
- Develops SOPs as directed by supervisor;

- Participates in laboratory meetings, presentations and scientific journal clubs;
- Participates in the procurement of laboratory equipment, supplies and consumables;
- Oversees the maintenance of laboratory equipment and laboratory environment; and,
- Keeps stock and track of reagents, supplies and other consumables and compile lists for replacement orders.

Person Specification

- Bachelor's Degree in Laboratory Technology (Biological) or its equivalent from a recognized University;
- GCP training;
- At least one year of experience working in a Diabetes research setting.
- Should possess hands-on experience in designing and setting up remote pre-analytic sample processing measures (SOPs) to ensure quality and accurate results;
- Should have good communication skills;
- Basic knowledge in diabetes and related laboratory diagnostic techniques;
- Basic skills in scientific writing;
- Should possess good personal integrity;
- Emotional resourcefulness;
- Ability to learn;
- Forward thinking;
- Openness to others
- Pro-activeness;
- Result oriented;
- Service oriented; and,
- Development oriented

How to Apply

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

https://redcap.link/Laboratory_Technologist_DOP_Study

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 **26th November 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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