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 position:

Social Science Research Assistant (02 positions)
Position Code: SSRA -522
Reports to: Social Science Research Team Lead
Station: Kyamulibwa & Masaka
Duration: 6 months

Job Purpose:

The overall purpose is to actively participate in the recruitment of study participants for designated study under the supervision of the designated Project team leader and/or project leader. We are recruiting for two social behaivoural studies both sponsored by ADVANCE/IAVI. One will recruit from fishing communities and areas around Masaka town and Lukaya town council.

Roles & Responsibilities

1. Principal Responsibilities

Project preparation/implementation

- Translate study documents;
- Ensure that participants for the study are mobilized and recruited into the study;
- Administer study information to participants and obtain informed consent;
- Conduct in-depth interviews with study participants;
- Ensure non-biased, consistent, complete and accurate data is collected from study participants;

- Transcribe and translate all data collected;
- Conduct initial data analysis;
- Work in close collaboration with staff from other programmes and external researchers as may be appropriate;
- Undertakes any other duties as may be assigned by Supervisor;
- Contribute to study reports and publications;
- Prepare and submit study updates/reports to the Study Principal Investigator;
- Contribute to dissemination of study findings including assisting in drafting of progress reports/peer reviewed manuscripts;
- Study specific roles as per Delegation of Duty/ Authority document; and,
- Other duties as may be assigned by the relevant authority as deemed necessary.

2. Financial Management

- Ensure proper accountability of project resources in line with MRC/UVRI & LSHTM policies; and,
- Ensure study participants' time / transport compensation payment.

3. People Management

- Fishing communities and areas around Masaka and Lukaya town council.

Person Specification

- Bachelor's degree in Social sciences or related;
- Short courses on research methods and GCP training are an added advantage;
- At least three years' experience in an international Organisation or research based organisation;
- Experience in a clinical research setting, preferably including experience in social and behavioural science research;
- Prior interviewing experience;
- Good communication and interpersonal skills;
- Good command of both English and Luganda;
- Should possess knowledge on design of qualitative research tools, data collection, handling and reporting; and,
- Ability to work under minimum supervision.

How to Apply

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

https://redcap.link/Social_Science_Research_Assistant_SSRA_522

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 & certified copies of academic documents into one PDF document. Deadline for application is **27th May 2022, 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*.**

N.B: You will be required to present certified copies of your academic documentation before employment.

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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