

# MRC/UVRI and LSHTM Uganda Research Unit



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## Internship Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

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 Unit is based at the UVRI Entebbe campus with established outposts in Kalungu, Masaka, Wakiso and Kampala Districts.

LSHTM ICED through the UVRI internships programme and MRC/UVRI & LSHTM Uganda Research Unit's Disability Research Group, received funding for **six persons with disabilities (PWDs)**, to conduct a 3 - 4 months internship with allowances between July 2022 and June 2023. The interns can be employed in any department.

In Uganda and the world at large, qualified PWDs have faced various barriers in joining the workforce. The internship programme is therefore intended to give young graduates with disabilities the opportunity to acquire job-experience and improve their chances on the wider job market. In addition, it is intended to increase disability awareness and inclusion at the unit.

The Disability Research Group at the unit will work together with disabled persons organisations to recruit and support the interns with disabilities during the internship period. Reasonable accommodations will be made depending on the intern's disability.

Candidates should submit their applications using the forms provided on the website together with their Curriculum Vitae and a letter from the student's University or equivalent parent institution explaining the need for an internship as a required part of the study. A letter is only required from

those still enrolled at the University/Institution. Further enquiries may be directed to: [moses.kizza@uvri.go.ug](mailto:moses.kizza@uvri.go.ug) and [Andrew.Ssemata@mrcuganda.org](mailto:Andrew.Ssemata@mrcuganda.org).

Deadline for application is **15<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 5:00pm**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview. Strictly follow the application procedure as failure to do so will lead to automatic disqualification.