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EMPLOYMENT/CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Unit is an internationally recognized 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:

Locum Laboratory Technologist – (01 Position)

Position Code: LLT -822

Reports to: Laboratory Manager

Station: Entebbe

Period: 3 months

Job Purpose:

The position holder will primarily be responsible for conducting a laboratory project aimed at assessing human plasma IL-33 and IL-1 RAcP by Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), and participating in laboratory assays to determine immune responses to selected vaccines. This work will be nested within the POPVAC set of trials (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2020-040425>).

Roles & Responsibilities

1. Principal duties;

- Participate in planning the laboratory experiments;
- Conduct the laboratory assays and analysis of results, with the support of supervisors;
- Ensure that required reagents and supplies are insufficient stocks and are stored appropriately;
- Find and read literature relevant to the work; participate in sharing knowledge through laboratory meetings and journal clubs;
- Prepare and review standard operating procedures;
- Implement GCLP practices and engage in proactive problem prevention of GCLP practice;
- Enter and clean laboratory data, and prepare reports on experiments; and,
- Help with other laboratory procedures and projects as and when required.

Person Specification

- BSc Biological sciences field from a recognized Ugandan university;
- GCLP training/ current Allied Health Professions license;
- Should possess at least one-year experience working in a laboratory technologist (or related) role in a research setting, or equivalent post-graduate internship experience;
- Experience in processing blood samples from research study participants;
- Experience in conducting enzyme immunoassays (ELISA, ELISpot, or Luminex) is essential;
- Should possess analytical and conceptual thinking skills;
- Thoroughness;
- Reliability; and,
- Concern for excellence

How to Apply

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

[https://redcap.link/Locum Laboratory Technologist](https://redcap.link/Locum_Laboratory_Technologist)

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 **26th August 2022, 5:00 pm.** 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 and so are advised to embark on the certification process soon enough to enable timely 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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