



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: DISABILITY AND HEALTH RESEARCH TRAINING (5–6 NOVEMBER 2025)

Organized by: The Disability Research Group (DRG), MRC/UVRI & LSHTM Uganda Research Unit.

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Background and Purpose:

The Disability Research Group (DRG) at MRC/UVRI & LSHTM Uganda Research Unit, in partnership with the International Centre for Evidence in Disability (ICED), London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), is committed to advancing disability-inclusive research and practice in Uganda and beyond.

The DRG, with generous funding support from the Programme for Evidence to Inform Disability Action (PENDA) project funded by the UK's Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) is organising a two-day Disability Training on 5th and 6th of November 2025 at the Entebbe campus. This training aims to build capacity and promote meaningful engagement of researchers, practitioners, policymakers and persons with disabilities in disability-inclusive health research. It will bring together participants from different backgrounds, creating a unique platform for shared learning, interactive discussions, practical sessions, networking and collaboration.

The training will be co-facilitated by Prof. Tom Shakespeare, a globally renowned disability researcher from ICED/LSHTM, alongside other Ugandan experts and advocates in the field of disability-inclusive health research, who will share cutting-edge knowledge, practices and lived experiences.

This training directly contributes to the DRG's broader vision of ensuring that disability inclusion becomes a central component of health research and policy in Uganda.

Who Can Apply (Eligibility):

- Masters' and PhD students interested in disability research, early career researchers, civil society and disability advocates working in health research and monitoring and evaluation programmes, health researchers and M&E specialists engaged in disability and inclusive development.
- People with disabilities involved in health research are strongly encouraged to apply.
- Applicants must commit to full participation on both training days.

Selection Criteria:

Up to **40** participants will be selected to participate in the training.

Applications will be assessed based on:

- Demonstrated interest in disability inclusive health research.
- Relevance of current work or study to disability and health research.
- Availability and commitment to full participation.
- Gender and disability representation to ensure diversity and inclusion.

Key Dates:

- Deadline for submission of applications: 10th October 2025
- Notification of acceptance: 22nd October 2025

Costs and Support:

- Participation is free of charge, with costs covered by the organizers.
- Break tea, lunch and water will be provided on both training days.
- Accessibility support: Sign language interpreters will be available. Wheelchair access and other accommodations can be arranged; please indicate your requirements in the application.
- Please note that transport refund or any other allowances will NOT be provided.

Training Venue:

- MRC/UVRI & LSHTM Uganda Research Unit, Entebbe Campus.

How to Apply:

Please follow the link below to complete the online form and upload your application package: [Click here to apply](#).

In the form, you will be asked to attach:

- An abstract (max 1 page): A summary of your current research, project, or relevant work.
- Motivation statement (max 1 page): Why you wish to attend the training and what you hope to gain.
- A brief curriculum vitae or bio-sketch (CV) (max 2 pages).

NB: Please attach all the above documents as one one PDF file.

Please note:

- Only one submission per applicant is allowed. Multiple submissions will lead to disqualification.
- All applications must be submitted through the RedCap link above; no email submissions will be accepted.
- Applications must be received by 10th October 2025, 5:00 PM (EAT). Late submissions will not be considered.
- You will receive an automatic confirmation email once your application has been successfully submitted.
- All applicants will be notified of the selection results by 22nd October 2025. Only successful applicants will receive further instructions on participation.
- MRC/UVRI & LSHTM Uganda Research Unit values inclusion and diversity. Persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

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