KENYA MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Kenya Medical Research Institute is committed to providing the youth with opportunities to acquire, sharpen their knowledge and gain technical/practical skills to complement their studies in order to enhance their employability in line with the Kenya Vision 2030. The Centre for Biotechnology Research and Development (CBRD), within the KEMRI HQs. Complex, is mandated to undertake basic and biotechnology-related research on human diseases in Kenya, with the overall goal of contributing to the improvement of human health and welfare. This is by, among other mandates, applying modern science and biotechnology to discover, develop and improve tools and strategies for diagnosis, prevention and control of major human diseases in Kenya and the region. The CBRD is working on a malaria diagnostic tool under the GOK funding.

The Centre seeks to recruit 2 Research Scientists (KMR 6)

Location: Nairobi
Reports to: Deputy Director CBRD
Duration: 18 months

Qualifications

- Must have graduated with a BSc. Biochemistry / Biotechnology/ Molecular Biology/ Genomics or any related course from a recognized institution.
- Familiarity with molecular biology laboratory equipment.
- Conversant with molecular biology techniques; Nucleic acids (DNA/RNA) extraction, PCR, qPCR.
- Past experience with sequencing, library preps, data analysis
- Past experience Cell cultures, gene cloning, protein purification.
- Past experience with Bioinformatics tools.
- Fulfill the requirements of Chapter Six (6) of the Constitution.

Duties and responsibilities

Under the guidance of Head malaria/sequencing Laboratory, the assistants will be expected to:

- Assist in running of routine laboratory assays
- Assist in running assays for research project
- Assist in the maintenance of laboratory inventory
- Assist in other tasks to support the day to day running of the laboratory.
In addition the applicants:-

- Must have graduated no more than 3 years ago
- Provide a Certificate of good conduct.
- Must be fluent in English

Terms of Engagement:
Appointment in the program will be for a period of eighteen (18) months. The successful candidate(s) will be paid according to KEMRI terms of pay. They will be expected to take up a personal accident cover and medical Insurance cover for the period of employment.

Applications should include the following:
• Letter of Application indicating the field of study
• Current Resume or CV with names and contact information (telephone and e-mail address)
• Copies of Certificates and transcripts.

Interested and qualified candidates should submit their application together with their detailed CV to:

The Director General & CEO  
P.O. Box 54840 – 00200  
NAIROBI  
Attention: Deputy Director, CBRD

OR

mail: cbrd@kemri.org not later than December 21st 2021

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Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.