



**KENYA MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Opening date: 21st January, 2022

Vacancy No. CGHR/242/12/21

Position Description: The Kenya Medical Research Institute/Centre for Global Health Research (KEMRI/CGHR), the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are collaborating to conduct research on malaria, HIV, TB, COVID-19 and other diseases of public health importance. An opportunity is currently open for young motivated and enthusiastic Laboratory technologist within Malaria laboratory to work with the Immunology and Molecular Biology team

Position: Assistant Laboratory Technician KMR8 (2 positions)

Location: Kisumu County

Reporting: Laboratory In-Charge

Essential Requirements

- An applicant must be a graduate of a Diploma OR Higher Diploma in Biological Sciences (Medical Laboratory Technology, Biochemistry, Biomedical Sciences, Parasitology, Microbiology) or any relevant field from a recognized institution of higher education in Kenya.
- Sufficient knowledge in infectious sample handling
- Sufficient knowledge in different types of ELISA assays
- Sufficient knowledge on molecular testing procedures, analysis and interpretation
- Minimum of one year of experience in a research laboratory
- Proficiency in the use of computers and familiarity with laboratory information systems

Desired skills

- Ability to work independently, in a timely manner and under minimum supervision
- Ability to maintain project schedules and work extra hours as may be required
- Demonstrate the ability to make technical decisions regarding testing and problem solving.

Major Duties

- Study sample reception and accessioning based on established Criteria
- Perform routine and complex technical Serological assays according to departmental standard Operating Procedures
- Monitor, Operate and troubleshoot instrumentation to ensure proper functionality
- Prepare, test and evaluate new reagents or controls
- Report accurate and timely test results as per set study protocols
- Perform and document preventive maintenance and quality control procedures
- Identify and replenish testing bench supplies as necessary

Additional Duties and responsibilities

- Maintain proper safety working standards in the laboratory.
- Monitor supply consumption and make request for additional reagents and laboratory equipment.
- Maintain and clean and equipment.
- Organise biological samples for appropriate storage and shipment.
- Produce regular reports to the Laboratory Supervisor
- Verification of samples received from the field for purposes of sample tracking
- Entry of all laboratory data and production of simple summaries and reports
- Carry out all other duties as may be assigned by the Research Officer

Terms of Employment: One year contract as per KEMRI scheme of service

Remuneration: Compensation is negotiable within a relevant grade, salary scheme is based on the KEMRI scales.

Applications should include the following:

1. Letter of Application (**Indicate Vacancy Number**)
2. Current Resume or *Curriculum Vitae*(*not more than four pages*) with telephone number and e-mail address
3. Two letters of reference with contact telephone numbers and e-mail addresses

Applications should be addressed to the Deputy Director, CGHR, P. O. Box 1578 – 40100, Kisumu and sent electronically to cghr@kemri.go.ke no later than 10th February, 2022 .

The subject in the email header should be the vacancy number.

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Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.