



## **KENYA MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Opening date: 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2022**

**Project description: Invasive non-typhoidal Salmonella and Typhoid carriage projects – both based at Mukuru Informal settlement.**

Non-typhoidal Salmonellosis (NTS), has emerged as a prominent cause of bloodstream infection in adults and children within Sub-Saharan Africa, with incidence of 227 cases/100,000 population. The aim of this project is to understand the role of carriage and the transmission dynamics of iNTS and Typhi between healthy and sick individuals and their microbial environment in an endemic disease setting. This project will utilize blood, fecal and environmental samples as we perform surveillance studies for carriage of typhoid fever, a disease pandemic in our settings and other low and middle – income countries.

**Position: Driver: (1 position) KMR 10**

**Location: NAIROBI**

**Reporting to: Project Administrator**

### **Job description**

This job exists to facilitate movement of goods, research materials, specimen, study participants or staff from one point to another as authorised to enhance research activities and smooth running of the study. This individual must be willing to reside in the study area, work long and after-hours including weekends where necessary.

### **Requirements:**

#### **Academic**

Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) with a mean grade D+ from Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC).

#### **Technical:**

Suitability Test for Drivers Grade III conducted by the Ministry of Roads and Public Works; Knowledge of skills required to perform a variety of manual tasks.

Knowledge of relevant legislation-National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) rules.

Computer literacy

**Others:**

- Communication skills
- Ability to work under pressure
- Interpersonal skills
- Problem solving
- Valid Driving License
- Certificate of Good Conduct from Criminal Investigation Department (CID)
- At least four (4) years of experience

**Education and Professional training**

- Valid and clean PSV driving License classes – A, B, C, and E
- Basic mechanical or equivalent certification will be an added advantage.

**Experience:**

A minimum of Four (4) years in a busy institution

**Competencies**

- Good communication skills
- Respectful
- Flexibility
- Good organizational skills
- Honesty and reliability
- Basic Computer Skills
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**Responsibilities**

- To drive site vehicles carefully at all times and ensure safety of the passengers, other road users, and the assigned vehicle;
- To transport participants, staff, visitors and deliveries when required
- Shipment of study samples to respective laboratories
- To ensure high level of professionalism while handling clients
- To ensure cleanliness of site vehicles at all times
- To perform thorough vehicle inspection before use
- Perform minor maintenance of vehicles and reporting all defects
- Recording time and mileage logs at all times
- To indicate the vehicle fuel and service costs
- To ensure all vehicle reports are done and submitted as per scheduled date;
- Checking all statutory requirements of all vehicles
- Adherence to vehicle maintenance schedules
- Proper and prompt reporting of any accident or damage involving site vehicles
- To assist in other duties in the office as assigned by the immediate supervisor when not undertaking driving duties

## **Terms of employment**

Employment is a one-year renewable contract with a probation period for the first 3 months. Salary is negotiable within the appropriate grade depending on education, experience and demonstrated competency and will be guided by the KEMRI HR Career Guidelines manual.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

- a) All applicants must meet each selection criteria detailed in the minimum requirements.
- b) Must include a current CV with names of at least 2 referees.
- c) Must include copies of academic and professional certificates.
- d) Must include a copy of certificate of good conduct.

A duly signed application letter indicating the vacancy reference with copies of documents listed above should be sent to: [projectpositions@kemri.go.ke](mailto:projectpositions@kemri.go.ke) no later than 30<sup>th</sup> May,2022

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Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.