



## KENYA MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Call for a PhD Candidate (Full Funding)

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**Opening date:** 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

**Vacancy NO.** CGHR/358/05/23

**Project Description:** This project is as a partnership co-led by KEMRI, LVCT Health and LSTM and involving the Ministry of Health at County and National levels. The C-it-DU-it aims to demonstrate how to link the data and use it, providing missing evidence on the impact, costs and scale-up of data linkage and use. Our intervention targets the interface between the community and the facility. Data linkage for data use is at its heart with ANC selected as an example of what is possible. This project is a partnership co-led by KEMRI, LVCT Health and LSTM and involving ministry of health at county and national levels.

The PhD project will focus on the cluster randomised trial.

**Position:** PhD student (1 position).

**Location:** KEMRI/Centre for Global Health Research, Kisumu

**Reporting to:** Study Principal Investigators

#### Expectations of the PhD Candidate

- i. This will be a three-year, full-time, research PhD registered with the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM), UK
- ii. The PhD student will be based and hosted at KEMRI/CGHR, Kisumu with travel to LSTM in the UK at specified time
- iii. Cost of travel to periods for related training and administration purposes
- iv. The PhD student will develop a research proposal nested within the C-it-DU-it trial on its impact on women seeking and accessing ANC and delivery care
- v. The PhD student will lead the conduct of the field work related to the PhD project and/or methodology work under the guidance of the supervisory team.

#### Support for the PhD Candidate

- i. This is a fully funded PhD opportunity.
- ii. Items covered by the scholarship include.
  - Stipend for the duration of the training.
  - PhD registration fees at LSTM and related training/activities: airfare, visa fees, accommodation, and subsistence allowances where applicable
  - Cost of dissertation research / field work

## **Position Requirements**

1. Be a Kenya citizen or have permanent residence in Kenya
2. Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBChB/MBBS/MD) or Bachelor of Pharmacy ( B Pharm)
3. Must have a Master's Degree or the equivalent from a recognised University in the relevant area of study (Medicine, Epidemiology, Public Health, Biostatistics, or related field)
4. Fulfilment of PhD entry requirements of LSTM, and are able to provide an award certificate and transcript for both (2 and 3) qualifications. Master's qualifications that have not yet been awarded will not be considered.
5. Knowledge, skills and previous work experience relevant to the PhD topic (e.g. digital health, community health systems strengthening, health systems strengthening, maternal health or related field).
6. Willingness to commit 100% (full) time and effort to the PhD.
7. Previous publications related to the project's research themes.
8. A candidate already registered for a PhD or holding another fellowship will only be considered if they are willing to drop their current commitments.

## **Application Procedure**

The following documents must be included in the application.

- i. Current curriculum vitae (use the NIH template for pre-doctoral fellows available on (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>))
- ii. A motivation letter (max 1000 words). This should cover academic and professional background, any experience relevant to this project and position, why you want to undertake a PhD, what you hope to gain from this PhD and your plans after the PhD.
- iii. Name and contacts of two referees. Referees should be senior academic and/or professional persons currently or have recently been responsible for supervising you.

**Friends and family are not acceptable.**

- iv. Academic certificates and transcripts where applicable,
- v. Application letter clearly stating the position applied.

All the applications to be done through **KEMRI Website** [www.kemri.go.ke/e-recruitment](http://www.kemri.go.ke/e-recruitment) - **E-Recruitment Portal** on or before **4<sup>th</sup> September ,2023** latest 5.00 p.m.

Please visit the KEMRI web site [www.kemri.go.ke](http://www.kemri.go.ke) for more details on the advertisement.

**NB: Those who applied earlier for this opportunity are advised not to apply.**