In Search of Better Health
KENYA MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening date: December 11, 2023
Vacancy No: CGHR/386/10/23

Program description: The Kenya Medical Research Institute and in collaboration with the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine conduct research activities related to malaria, HIV, tuberculosis and other diseases. Due to its continued growth in the area of research, the program has the following vacancy:

Position: Research Scientist
Job Group/KMR 6 (1 Position)
Location: Kisumu, Siaya, Homa Bay
Reporting to: AGREE Trial Manager

Job Summary:
The position holder will manage all clinical nutrition aspects of the AGREE trial, capturing data to assess the impact of L-citrulline/L-arginine nutritional supplements in reducing poor birth outcomes. The officer will work in close consultation with the trial manager and co-investigators to conduct scoping reviews and systematic reviews on L-arginine studies in pregnant women. S/he will be responsible for reviewing the nutrition standard operating procedures and case report forms, training clinicians and nurses on 24hr food recall, food frequency questionnaires and anthropometry. The officer will be expected to organize and prioritize their own workload within the overall study objectives with minimal onsite supervision. The officer should be highly motivated, efficient, well-organised, proactive, able to work independently and act on initiative.

Position description
The duties and responsibilities of the officer will entail: -

• Conducting nutritional assessment, counselling and support for study participants as per study protocol
• Supervising home visits for follow-up dietary assessments at household level as per the study protocol
• Discussing with study team the nutrition and eating habits reported by participants and monitor progress
• Train study team on anthropometry
- Perform project level planning, monitoring, and evaluation of the nutritional activities
- Plan and coordinate dietary assessment of participants
- Ensure smooth implementation according to ethical guidelines, management,
- Supervise implementation of the study protocol and provide technical Nutritional support to study team.
- Participate in development of Standard Operating Procedures for the study and plan and conduct protocol specific trainings of study team.
- Guide data team on data collection instrument choices and review of data collection CRFs for appropriateness to protocol procedures.
- Conduct scoping reviews and systematic reviews on L-arginine supplementation in pregnancy
- Maintain regular liaison with study management team.
- Any other duty as assigned by the supervisor.

b) Person Specifications:

For appointment to this position, a candidate must have:-
- Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Nutrition; Human Nutrition and dietetics from a recognized institution
- Training in Integrated management of acute malnutrition (IMAM) and Maternal Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) will be an added advantage.
- Be proficient in computer application.

c) Key Skills and Competencies
I. Organisational Skills
II. Communication Skills
III. Interpersonal skills
IV. Team player

Terms of employment: This is a one (1) year contract, renewable subject to availability of funds, with a probation period for the first 3 months. Salary is negotiable within the KEMRI scheme of service depending on education, experience and demonstrated competency.

Applications MUST include the following:
1. Letter of Application (INDICATE VACANCY NUMBER)
2. Current Curriculum Vitae with telephone number and e-mail address
3. Three letters of reference with contact telephone numbers and e-mail addresses
4. Copies of Certificates and Transcripts
5. Contact telephone number
All the applications must be submitted through KEMRI Website www.kemri.go.ke/e-recruitment on or before December 11, 2023 latest 5.00 p.m. Please visit the KEMRI web site www.kemri.go.ke for more details on the advertisement.

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Only short-listed candidates will be contacted