KENYA MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening date: December 11, 2023
Vacancy No. CGHR/390/11/23

Project description: The Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) in collaboration with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) whose remit is to conduct research and provide program support for activities related to outbreak response and surveillance of various diseases in the country and its region. Due to its continued growth, the Diagnostic and Laboratory Systems Program within the Division of Global Health Protection is seeking applications from skilled, motivated and innovative candidate to fill below vacancy.

Position: Laboratory Technologist Job Group, KMR 8 (1 Position)
Location: DLSP, Nairobi
Reports to: Research Scientist

a) Job Specifications

- Receiving/collating, recording of specimens;
- Processing and analyses;
- Preparing reagents;
- Recording and reporting of results;
- Dispatching the results for clinical/Research management;
- Support with mapping of clinical and waste facilities in project counties that can/will contribute to environmental surveillance for enteric pathogens.
- Enhance systems for checking the quality of environmental testing through use and timely review of internal quality control results, external quality assurance scheme results, proficiency testing program results and other sources of quality indicator data.
- Support with joint field and household visits to collect AR data using available tools for analysis to determine communities’ exposure.
- Routine and daily maintenance of laboratory equipment;
- Ensuring adherence to biosafety and biosecurity guidelines;

b) Person Specification

- Diploma in any of the following fields: Medical Laboratory Sciences, Applied Sciences, Medical Laboratory Technology, Biotechnology or any other equivalent qualification from a recognized institution;
- Experience in environmental surveillance work, microbiology and AMR are added advantage.
• Registration Certificate issued by the Kenya Medical Laboratory Technicians and Technologists Board (KMLTTB) where applicable, or any other recognized regulatory body;
• Valid practicing license from Kenya Medical Laboratory Technicians and Technologists where applicable;
• Proficiency in computer application.

c) Key Skills and Competencies

• Communication skills
• Interpersonal skills
• 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 31, 2023 latest 5.00 p.m. Please visit the KEMRI web site www.kemri.go.ke for more details on the advertisement.

KEMRI IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER; WOMEN AND PERSONS WHO ARE ABLED DIFFERENTLY ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY. KEMRI DOES NOT CHARGE A FEE AT ANY STAGE OF ITS SELECTION PROCESS INCLUDING APPLICATION, INTERVIEW MEETING AND PROCESSING OF OFFER LETTER. IF ASKED FOR A FEE, REPORT SUCH REQUEST IMMEDIATELY TO RELEVANT AUTHORITY.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted