



KENYA MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Vacancy No. CGHR/395/01/24

Project description: The Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) and the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM) is conducting a study titled Pregnancy Risk and Infant Surveillance and Measurement Alliance (PRISMA) and Maternal and Newborn Health (MNH) study in Western Kenya. PRISMA MNH is a harmonized, prospective open-cohort study implemented across five study sites in India, Pakistan, Zambia, Kenya, and Ghana. The primary goal is to estimate the burden of maternal, fetal, and neonatal deaths and select maternal and newborn morbidities in the catchment areas. The study is designed to address current gaps in research and data availability on maternal, fetal, and infant outcomes and risk factors. Due to its continued growth, the project seeks to fill below position:

Position: Clinical Research Scientist - **KMR 5** (1 position)

Location: KEMRI-CGHR with fieldwork in western Kenya

Reporting to: Principal Investigator – PRISMA-II

Job Summary: The officer will be responsible for overseeing all stages of the development and implementation of research in western Kenya, including sustained stakeholder engagement with national and sub-national MOH partners, conduct formative and pilot research phases, and trial implementation. S/he will chair in-country management meetings and be responsible for the preparation of standard operating procedures, protocol writing, manage submission of protocol amendments to SERU, coordinate fieldwork, and oversee centralised functions of the study.

a) Job Descriptions

The duties and responsibilities of the officer will entail: -

- Implementing pre-clinical and clinical research projects and/or supervise designated aspects of the work;
- General diagnosis, care, treatment and provision of specialized clinical care for study participants;
- Assist in carrying out fieldwork and pre-clinical and clinical experimental procedures;
- Carry out experimental and/or developmental work;
- Contributing to interpretation and validation of results;
- Conduct community diagnosis, care and treatment during Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities;
- Assist in organization of the internal scientific seminars;
- Maintaining the scientific pre-clinical and clinical facility
- Lead the development of a study monitoring plan;
- Lead stakeholder engagement activities at relevant stages of the project;

- Develop standard operating procedures (SOPs) for all data collection and processing as well as for the management and deployment of study drugs;
- Manage field-based teams to ensure timely data collection, data quality control (quantitative data) and data processing (transcription and translation of audio files) according to SOPs;
- Work with data managers and Co-investigators to code and analyse data and lead in writing reports, publications, and manuscripts in close collaboration with the Consortium PI based in Liverpool. To present study updates at meetings as necessary;
- Oversight of procurement and inventory of all study drugs, supplies and equipment;
- Implement capacity-building efforts to increase and expand the skills of local counterparts and field team technicians;
- Plan and coordinate meetings for both internal project staff and external collaborators/visitors;
- Host/participate in scheduled conference calls with the international study partners;
- Conduct performance appraisal of study site staff in liaison with the relevant technical supervisors of the staff members in Kenya.

b) Person Specifications

For appointment to this grade, a candidate must have: -

- Bachelor's Degree in any of the following fields; - Medicine and surgery, Dentistry from a recognized Institution;
- Be registered by Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentist Board
- Proficiency in computer application;
- Fulfil the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution

c) Key Skills and Competencies

- Planning and Organizational skills;
- Communication and reporting skills;
- Interpersonal skills;
- Creativity and Innovativeness;
- Critical thinking skills
- Team player.

Terms of employment: This is a **three (3) 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.

How to Apply

- All applicants must meet each selection criteria detailed in the minimum requirements;
- Must include current Curriculum Vitae with Telephone number and e-mail address;
- Three letters of reference with contact telephone numbers;
- Must include copies of academic and professional certificates.

All the applications to be addressed to Deputy Director, CGHR, P. O. Box 1578-40100 Kisumu and submit by **post to the above address** before **March 5, 2024**.

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Only short-listed candidates will be contacted