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KENYA MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Project description: The Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) and the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM) will conduct a phase-III randomised controlled trial to provide robust evidence on the efficacy and safety of antimalarials for treating malaria in the first trimester of pregnancy. The four-year project is part of a larger international EU-funded SAFIRE consortium involving Kenya, Mali, Burkina Faso, Uganda and DRC, and international partners in the UK, The Netherlands, and Switzerland. The project has an exciting opportunity as stated below:

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

Location: Kisumu

Reporting to: Principal Investigator

Job Summary: The incumbent will be the trial manager and co-investigator, responsible for overseeing all stages of the development of a first-trimester adaptive platform malaria treatment trial in western Kenya. The candidate will also collaborate with colleagues in LSTM Kenya/LSTM UK to support trial management across Kenya, Mali and Burkina Faso, and PhD training included in the post. This position includes fully sponsored PhD training embedded within the trial at Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.

a) Job Descriptions

The duties and responsibilities of the officer will entail: -

- i. Manage and oversee the trial in compliance with study protocol and international GCP standards
- ii. Chair in-country field management meetings
- iii. Prepare standard operating procedures and protocols
- iv. Manage submission of protocol amendments to SERU, and other ethics committees as required.
- v. Ensure ethical compliance and coordinate applications across multiple ethics committees
- vi. Develop research protocols, SOPs, and CRFs with the research team
- vii. Implement and supervise pre-clinical and clinical research projects
- viii. Conduct regular site visits for study setup, monitoring, and close-out
- ix. Supervise, train, and appraise staff under direct supervision
- x. Contribute to result dissemination through reports, publications, and presentations

b) Person Specifications

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

- i. At least four (4) years relevant work experience, with at least 3 years of clinical trial research experience in field-based research in Kenya or sub-Saharan Africa.
- ii. Bachelor's degree in any of the following fields; - Medicine and Surgery, Dentistry, Pharmacy or equivalent qualifications from a recognized Institution;
- iii. Master's Degree in any of the following disciplines: - Biomedical Sciences, Public Health, Epidemiology or equivalent qualifications from a recognized institution;

c) Desirable qualifications

- i. Research experience in maternal and child health research
- ii. Research experience in malaria epidemiology
- iii. Experience working in collaboration with multiple agencies/partners or donors and Ministry of Health at National and County levels.

c) Key Skills and Competencies

- i. Knowledge and use of at least one statistical software package e.g. STATA, R, SPSS or SAS
- ii. Strong project budgeting and financial management skills
- iii. Evidence of strong report and manuscript writing skills;
- iv. Strong supervisory and management skills
- v. Creativity and Innovativeness;
- vi. Communication and reporting skills
- vii. Interpersonal and negotiation skills
- viii. Team player

Terms of employment: This is a **four (4) years 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.

Successful candidates will be required to provide the following: Certificate of good conduct, Higher Education Loans Board compliance certificate, KRA Tax compliance certificate, Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission clearance.

Kindly attach your CV, cover letter, copies of certified academic and professional certificates, testimonials and other relevant documents.

All the applications to be done through KEMRI Website www.kemri.go.ke/e-recruitment -E-Recruitment Portal on or before 11th September, 2024, 5.00 p.m.

Please visit the KEMRI web site www.kemri.go.ke for more details on the advertisement.

Only Short listed candidates will be contacted.

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