CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIP IN EPIDEMIOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI WITH EMPHASIS ON TB & HIV RESEARCH

INTRODUCTION

The TB and HIV coinfection Training Program in Kenya (TBHTPI) is a partnership between the University of Nairobi, Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) and University of Washington which aims to address needs and gaps in TB care by providing research training and mentorship to professionals who are interested in the field of HIV and TB. Through a grant from the US National Institutes of Health, the TBHTP Program seeks to sponsor targeted candidates to undertake a two-year Fellowship in Epidemiology (F.Epi) at the University of Nairobi (UoN) with emphasis on TB-HIV research, and shall leverage with the ongoing Health Education Professionals’ Initiative (HEPI) Program-supported roll out of the F.Epi at the UoN.

THE COURSE

The Fellowship in Epidemiology is a two-year full-time postgraduate training with 9 months didactic training and coursework at the School of Medicine of the University of Nairobi, and 15 months fieldwork research at trainee's parent institution or County. The Fellowship covers Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Implementation Science, and other research disciplines, and shall include short courses on advanced TB and HIV.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the end of the training fellows should be able to:

• Design and implement epidemiological research with emphasis on TB-HIV
• Conduct an inter-professional multi-disciplinary mentored health micro-research project with emphasis on TB-HIV
• Be able to independently carry out statistical data analysis and interpretation of results
• Translate TB-HIV research finding into policy or programs for improving health outcomes
• Gain an understanding of principles of ethical and responsible conduct of TB-HIV research

ELIGIBILITY

• Applicants must have a Masters Degree in Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Microbiology, Public Health or other relevant Health Sciences discipline
• Evidence of involvement in health research or work experience specific to TB or HIV is desirable, and interest to further career in academia and/or research in the field of TB-HIV
• Be a Faculty and/or a Researcher at the University of Nairobi, KEMRI, or other local University, or a Civil Servant within the Health Sector working in a County with high burden of TB-HIV

NATURE OF SCHOLARSHIP

• Full Tuition Fees
• Modest stipend
• Mentorship support from experienced epidemiologists, biostatisticians and medical and biomedical specialists within the fields TB and HIV
• Seed research funding support to undertake a scholarly research project related to TB and HIV

APPLICATION PROCESS

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

• Online application at University of Nairobi’s Online Self sponsored Students application System: https://application.uonbi.ac.ke/index.php/CourseApplication/viewdetailslogin?deg_code=H118

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

• Evidence of online application for the Fellowship in Epidemiology (H118) at University of Nairobi’s Online Self sponsored Students application System
• A letter of interest describing professional background, specific objectives related to training and career goals (200-300 words)
• Curriculum vitae
• Two letters of recommendation attesting applicant's academic, professional and research capabilities
• Evidence of support from your employer in relation to paid study leave where relevant

SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO:
THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
TBHTP PROGRAM
UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI
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DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS 30 MAY 2021

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