



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – PhD SCHOLAR FOR PERIOD 2021/23

MILEAGE4TB PROJECT AT MAKERERE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Makerere University School of Public Health (MakSPH) requests applications from suitably qualified candidates for a PhD opportunity in the field of Tuberculosis (TB) and mHealth. The program is targeting a young scholar with a background in public health, clinical medicine, nursing, environmental health, and any other health related field from a recognised institution with interest in solidifying their research scientific skills with focus on TB, mHealth and clinical trials.

In the period 2021-2023 we seek to support one scholar as part of an EDCTP career grant, entitled **"Using short message service reminders and mobile money incentives to enhance linkage to care of presumptive tuberculosis patients in Uganda: a Randomised Controlled Trial-MILEAGE4TB"**. This will provide a Ugandan scholar at Makerere University with **hands-on research training, high level mentoring, and protected time** in order to develop into an independent investigator. The scholarship will be embedded within the study. During this three-year period, the scholar is expected to develop and implement the PhD work within this already fully funded study; additionally, the scholar is expected to provide basic coordination for the project. The scholar will be directly supervised by the study PI and the rest of the project mentors and will report progress to the Department of Disease Control & Environmental Health (DCEH), where the project is hosted. In line with building sustainable capacity, the scholar is also expected to co-mentor another generation of young Ugandans at masters level.

The scholar will earn a monthly salary while working on the project and part of this salary will go to pay for his/her tuition at Makerere University. The scholar will use the data from the project to write his/her thesis. He/she will have the opportunity to participate in various short structured courses and skills building sessions at MakSPH.

Pre-requisite: The scholarship is open to candidates with a minimum of a master's degree in medicine, social sciences, environmental health, public health, or any health-related degree.

Key deliverables at the end of the 3-year scholarship period will be:

- a) At least 3 publications in a peer reviewed journal
- b) Submission of the PhD thesis for final viva voce examination
- c) Co-mentorship of at least 1 Masters level students
- d) Submission of a research grant for funding consideration

Application package:

1. A comprehensive curriculum vitae including relevant research and work experience
2. Letter of motivation to pursue a research career and future aspirations (Please include mobile phone number and e-mail address)
3. Copies of academic transcripts and degree certificates
4. A concept note, 2-3 pages on the role of mHealth tools in improving diagnosis and retention in care for TB patients in low income countries like Uganda (including the following information: problem statement, specific aims of the project, brief background, research methods)
5. Two reference letters

6. Publications/submitted a paper in a peer reviewed journal would be an added advantage
Preference for this PhD opportunity will be given to a candidate who is more likely to demonstrate ability to contribute to the overall project aim.

How to apply: Interested persons should apply via <https://forms.gle/WDUXWNvUcbpTS3jTA>.
Hand delivered applications will not be considered.

*Deadline for receipt of applications is **Friday 31st July, 2020 at 5:00pm.***

NB: Only short listed candidates will be contacted for interviews.