

Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences



Strengthening Doctoral Education for Health in Tanzania (DOCEHTA) Project Call for application for funded a Ph.D. Scholarship on HIV/AIDS and Key Population Interventions.

Background

The Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), the University of Dodoma (UDOM) in Tanzania, and the University of Oslo (UiO) in Norway have received funding from the Norwegian Programme for Capacity Development in Higher Education and Research for Development (NORAD) to implement a project entitled “*Strengthening Doctoral Education for Health in Tanzania (DOCEHTA)*”. The project’s broad objective is to contribute to good health equitably distributed among people in Tanzania through the strengthened quality of doctoral education in the health sciences to improve health-related research as well as the quality and capacity of education of human resources for health.

Ph.D. position

DOCEHTA currently has one position available at MUHAS for a doctoral candidate in the area of HIV/AIDS with a specific focus on m-Health intervention for key populations (populations considered to be at higher risk of HIV infection).

Successful Ph.D. scholar will benefit from:

- Provision of strong, interdisciplinary, and longitudinal supervision and mentorship
- Instruction in research methodology that is individualized to the learner
- Opportunities to pursue courses at all three collaborating institutions, and
- Guidance in career development to support short and long-term career goals and to promote a transition to academic independence.

The selected candidate will be enrolled at MUHAS and is expected to adhere to the guidelines for successfully completing the degree program as set forth by the Ph.D. programs at MUHAS. The requirements for Ph.D. include obtaining required credits for foundation and elective courses, writing four original research articles for publication in peer-reviewed journals; participating in the teaching of at least one course at MUHAS, and dissemination of results through presentation in at least two national and two international conferences.

Besides payment of university fees and receding research funds, from the DOCEHTA project, successful applicant will receive a competitive stipend, laptop, and book allowance. Support for travel and lodging costs for conferences and coursework will also be provided. Furthermore, the successful candidate will have an opportunity to stay up to six months in Norway as part of his/her training.

Eligibility

- Hold a master's degree in health-related discipline, demography, or statistics from a recognized higher learning institution (as per Tanzania Commission for Universities) with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or B grade.
- Meet other criteria for acceptance into the Ph.D. Program at MUHAS.
- Demonstrated fluency in both spoken and written English.
- Prior research or practice experience in HIV/AIDS, evaluation of m-Health or key population related area is preferred, but not required.
- Experience with analysis of quantitative data and particularly analysis of longitudinal data will be considered as an advantage.
- Female applicants and those who are academic employees of MUHAS shall be given priority.

Application Requirements

Please include the following with your application:

- A letter of motivation
- A brief research concept note
- A plan for completion of the doctoral work within three years
- CV
- Transcripts

Application process and deadline

Applications containing the required documents must be submitted to (emetta2000@gmail.com), copying (victoriahvallentine13@gmail.com) by the close of business on **23rd October 2023**. For further inquiries about the project and the positions, please contact (emetta2000@gmail.com).