

Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences



Strengthening Doctoral Education for Health in Tanzania (DOCEHTA)

Call for Applications into Funded Postdoctoral Fellowship

Background

The Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) and 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 (NORHED) 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 strengthened quality of doctoral education in the health sciences with a view to improve health-related research as well as the quality and capacity of education of the human resources for health.

Postdoc positions and research areas

This project intends to recruit and support the training of four 2-year postdoctoral scholarships. Successful applicants are expected to carry out studies in any of the following research areas:

1. Key Populations in the HIV Epidemic
2. Non-Communicable Diseases
3. Doctoral Education in the Health Sciences

Successful Post-doctoral Scholars will benefit from:

- Access to top-tier research facilities and esteemed mentors.
- Comprehensive, interdisciplinary mentorship tailored for immediate and long-term career aspirations.
- A scholarly stay abroad as a visiting researcher at the University of Oslo, Norway.
- Opportunities to attend seminars, workshops, and conferences.
- Connections to extensive local and global networks fostered by the project.
- A structured environment to deepen knowledge, refine skills, and set clear future objectives, fostering confidence to work both independently and collaboratively in research.
- Experience that hones soft skills, including professional ethics, teamwork, innovation, and creativity.
- Access to advanced courses offered by all three collaborating institutions.

Two of the selected Fellows will be enrolled at MUHAS according to its guidelines for postdoctoral training. The Candidate will be evaluated accordingly based on timely meeting the research deliverables of the project and demonstrated attainment of measurable personal development and scholarly growth. The Fellows will be expected to publish a minimum of two (2) original research articles in international peer-reviewed journals; provide mentorship to at least two junior researchers; participate in teaching of at least one course; contribute to mentoring of the PhD students supported through the DOCEHTA project; and dissemination of results through presentation in seminars, symposia and at least two international conferences.

Successful applicants will receive a postdoctoral stipend, a laptop, and book allowance as well as the research funds to conduct their studies. Support for the stay abroad as a visiting scholar, travel and lodging costs for conferences and coursework will also be provided.

Eligibility

A basic eligibility requirement is that applicants satisfy one of the following conditions:

- a) Possess a PhD from an institution recognized by the Tanzania Commission for Universities at the time of application, or
- b) Be in the final stages of their doctoral studies with the capacity to submit their thesis for evaluation by the end of January 2024.

Please note: Continuation in the postdoctoral programme for candidates from category b) will be contingent upon their successful completion of their doctoral examination.

Additional eligibility criteria:

- Demonstrated fluency in both spoken and written English
- Demonstrated excellent scientific writing skills
- Prior research or practice experience in any of the above-listed thematic focus areas is preferred
- Female applicants shall be given priority
- Being an employee of MUHAS shall be an added advantage

Application Requirements

All interested individuals should submit the following information to and before the set deadline indicated below.

- Application cover letter. This letter should include your name, position, institution, email, telephone number, and a short statement summarizing your intent to apply to the Postdoc program.
- Updated Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- A letter of motivation
- Certified copies of academic transcripts and certificates (O-level, A-level, Bachelor, Master and PhD)
- Two letters of recommendation. The letters should include telephone numbers, addresses and e-mail addresses of the referees. At least one letter of support must be from a senior faculty member from your previous University education (former Head of Department, Supervisor, or Mentor) who can attest to your academic aptitude outlining your career and research goals and how the postdoc position will assist you achieve the goals.
- Research concept note (6 pages maximum). The concept note should describe a proposed topic of research you would like to carry out during your post-doctoral work in line with the thematic areas described above. Please structure the research concept note to include sections on background, aims/research questions, proposed research methods, and resources and mentorship which will be necessary to complete this research.

Application process and deadline

Applications containing the required documents must be submitted to victoriahvallentine13@gmail.com and emetta2000@gmail.com by close of business on 30.11.2023. For more inquiries, please contact: emetta2000@gmail.com.