



Mwanza Tanzania Research Training Program in Patient Oriented HIV Clinical Investigation

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MSc and PhD

For 2021/2022 Academic Year

1. MSc Epidemiology and Biostatistics Fellowship
2. PhD Fellowship in Medicine and Health Sciences

Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences (CUHAS) core functions is Training, Research and Consultancy with the Mission of provision of skilled and competent human resources vested with moral and ethical values; advancing the frontiers of knowledge; and provision quality services to the individual and community.

Mwanza Tanzania Research Training Program (MTRT – Program) in Patient Oriented HIV Clinical Investigation is a 5-year collaborative Research Training program between Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences (CUHAS), Weill Cornell Medical College (WCMC) and Mwanza Intervention Trial (MITU) a collaborative research unit of national institute of Medical Research (NIMR) – Mwanza.

The goal of Mwanza Tanzania Research Training Program (MTRT – Program) in Patient Oriented HIV Clinical Investigation is to increase capacity among medical specialists in HIV clinical Investigation in Mwanza, North-western Tanzania.

This research training program aims to fill a critical gap in Mwanza by increasing the Research capacity in **HIV clinical investigation** among medical specialists in Mwanza, Northwestern Tanzania. There are a number of HIV clinical questions that need to be addressed **to improve HIV prevention and patient services** in Mwanza and in Tanzania. Furthermore, there is a need for **capacity building for Tanzanian**

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physicians who have rigorous training in patient-oriented HIV clinical investigation, during which an investigator directly interacts with individual patients or clusters of patients in routine management, clinical trials, pragmatic trials, or formative epidemiologic or behavioral research in preparation for interventional trials. The purpose of clinical investigation is to protect or improve the health of individual patients through translation into clinical practice of scientifically tested innovations and improvements in prevention, diagnostics, or therapy.

Mwanza Tanzania Research Training Program (MTRT – Program) in Patient Oriented HIV Clinical Investigation invites application for Scholarships for academic year 2021/2022 for the MSc Epidemiology and Biostatistics (2 posts) and PhD in Medicine and Health Sciences (2 posts).

Award Details:

The scholarship will cover:

Tuition fees, Stipend (living allowance), Research fund, Support to attend conferences and networking events.

Eligibility criteria:

The applicant must be a Tanzanian (with MD, BPharm, BScN, BMLS) and either the employee of Catholic University Health and Allied Sciences (CUHAS) or Bugando Medical Center (BMC), or National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) – Mwanza.

Be committed to continue working with his or her employer after completing studies.

How to apply:

The application is NOW open and will be closed on 30th August, 2021, 12:00 PM EAT.

For MSc Fellowship applicants, submit your academic transcripts, curriculum vitae personal motivational statement not more than one page, and supporting letter from your employer.

The shortlisted candidates will be interviewed.

For PhD Fellowship applicants, Kindly submit your research concept note of not more than 5 pages, academic transcripts (for MMed or MSc in Health Sciences), curriculum

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1. Area of specialization must tally with the topic
2. A candidate must have a good track record of research/research interest
3. Thesis concept in line with relevant topics with potential of innovation to advance a specific field and sciences in general
4. Availability of the specialized supervisors to ensure the student is well mentored to acquire relevant knowledge and skills
5. Potential of the candidate as future leader in academics, research and mentor in CUHAS/BMC or MITU/NIMR.
6. Age not more than 45 years
7. Must have completed a relevant degree (Masters) not more than 7 years before application
8. This is an equal opportunity program and we aim to provide an equal share of positions to female students.
9. Meeting the requirements of CUHAS to join PhD programme

Selection Procedures:

Selection of fellows will be carried out by the selection committee consisting of the Advisory board members, plus the PIs from CUHAS, Weill Cornell and MITU, the Director of Postgraduate Studies (CUHAS), DVC-ARC (CUHAS) and one representative from Bugando Medical Centre (BMC).

During the recruitment meeting, the PhD candidates will give a short presentation on their concept and have face-to-face interviews with at least three members of the Selection Committee.

Application should be submitted manually to the office of the Director of Mwanza Tanzania Research Training Program (MTRT – Program).

Higher Learning Resource Center Building. Third Floor, Left wing, Room number 312.

Enquiries concerning more information about the Fellowship and Scholarship can be directed to benkidenya@gmail.com; Mobile Phone 0713 550 110.