



VACANCIES ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mwanza Intervention Trials Unit (MITU) based at the National Institute for Medical Research campus in Mwanza, Tanzania is a collaborative research unit of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the National Institute for Medical Research. The mission of the Mwanza Intervention Trials Unit is to contribute to improving health through the development and evaluation of interventions against HIV and other health problems by conducting research, including clinical trials, to the highest international standards; to enhance the capacity to carry out such research in Tanzania and the East African region; and to contribute to the translation of research findings into health policy. MITU is currently collaborating with other international research partners to implement a trial evaluating a single-dose of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in males to reduce population prevalence of HPV. The Unit is now inviting applications from highly motivated and suitably qualified candidates to fill the following position:

Deputy Trial Manager

The successful applicant will ideally have a post graduate qualification in public health or other field related to health research; proven technical expertise in the quality management of clinical trials related to infectious diseases and/or vaccines; experience in clinical/laboratory procedures in research and collaborative research involving human clinical, epidemiological or laboratory outcomes; proven skills and experience in multicentre research.

Specific Responsibilities

- Assisting the Trial Manager with the day-to-day management of the clinical trial in the Lake Zone regions of Tanzania.
- Assisting the Trial Manager in dealing with queries, reviewing case report forms, and other relevant study documentation, and maintaining Study Master Files.
- Assisting with communication between MITU/NIMR, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), the trial sponsor and the other trial partners.
- Recruiting, coordinating, training and supervising the field team staff in order to ensure that the trial is conducted to GCP and other international trial standards.
- Participating in meetings and discussions regarding the research progress, findings and any other aspects of the study.
- Assisting in submission of trial documents to ethics and regulatory committees as required.
- Assisting in coordination of trial monitoring visits, including preparation of responses to monitoring reports.
- Participating in writing up the trial findings in reports and publications.
- Assisting with preparation of reports for the trial governance bodies (eg. Trial Steering Committee, Data and Safety Monitoring Board) and the funding agency.
- Travel to progress and coordination meetings as required.
- Frequent travel to field sites to ensure the smooth running of all areas of trial activities.
- Undertaking other duties, including support to other studies, as may be required by the Principal Investigator of the trial and the Trial Manager.



Essential Qualifications

- Post graduate qualification in public health or other field related to health research
- At least one year's relevant experience working on clinical trials, preferably in a coordination role, based in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Evidence of having practical experience in the management of research teams.
- Evidence of having practical experience of assisting with leading or coordinating GCP compliant studies, including familiarity of study monitoring visits.
- Evidence of experience of submitting documents to ethics boards and/or regulatory authorities.
- Evidence of having worked effectively both independently and as a member of a multidisciplinary scientific team.
- Excellent inter-personal skills and a willingness to work with others to overcome problems as and when they arise.
- Evidence of having worked effectively in a multicultural environment.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English and Swahili.
- Living in Mwanza or able to re-locate for this position.
- Willingness to travel extensively in the Lake Zone regions, in order to oversee study procedures.

Desirable Qualifications

- Experience of working on vaccine-related research studies.
- Experience of working in East Africa.
- A postgraduate qualification in epidemiology, public health, or equivalent experience demonstrated through publications.

Mode of application:

- Interested applicants should submit a letter of application together with their CV and copies of all relevant certificates, memberships and qualifications recruitment@mitu.or.tz **no later than 16th December 2021.**
- The applicants should **clearly state the job title for which they are applying in the subject line of the email.**
- Paper applications will not be accepted.

Interviews will be held at the earliest available opportunity and only shortlisted candidates will be notified by email if selected for interview.

If you have not heard from us within two weeks of the closing date, please consider yourself unsuccessful.

MITU is an equal opportunity organization, female applicants and people with disability are highly encouraged to apply.