



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mwanza Intervention Trials Unit (MITU) is a collaborative research Unit based at the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) campus in Mwanza, Tanzania. The mission of MITU 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 conduct a cohort study of 500 HIV-infected adults and 500 HIV-negative adults. This five-year program of research aims to understand the relationship between sleep, autonomic nervous system activity and 24-hour blood pressure variability in the cohort. The Unit is now inviting applications from motivated and suitably qualified candidates to fill the following position.

RESEARCH PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The successful applicant will have a medical degree as well as a masters degree or PhD in medicine, public health, or epidemiology, substantial clinical research experience in project management, managerial and organizational skills, and excellent written and oral communication skills in English. They will ideally have experience in HIV care, experience working in hospitals, and evidence of authoring peer reviewed articles.

Specific Responsibilities

- Plan, manage and supervise the research operations, ensuring that the program is carried out to the highest international standards
- Obtain all ethical clearances for the research
- Develop and maintain an excellent consultative relationship with government health officials at national, regional and district level, ensuring that all necessary local permissions are obtained
- Lead the field research team in close collaboration with the Field Coordinator including:
 - working with NIMR laboratory personnel to ensure that all sample processing, testing and shipping is conducted according to the study protocol and
 - working with the Senior Research Assistant for Cardiovascular Measurements to ensure that all measurements and event diagnoses are conducted according to the study protocol
- Manage the project budget and other project resources, liaise with administration staff in setting and reviewing budgets, monitoring expenditure and completing financial reports
- Develop research tools, oversee data entry and management and participate in the analysis
- Plan and implement the study to meet all study objectives
- Contribute in the preparation of scientific reports and publications, and their presentation at national and international meetings
- Participate in developing the capacity of junior project staff
- Promote MITU and its core values, and play a supportive role in the delivery of its day-to-day operations and strategic goals
- Play an active part in promoting the scientific life at the NIMR Mwanza campus
- Undertake such other tasks as may reasonably be expected by the line manager
- Report regularly to the line manager on the progress of the research

Essential Qualifications

- A medical degree (MD)



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- A postgraduate qualification in medicine, public health or epidemiology (Masters or PhD level)
 - Substantial experience in conducting epidemiological field studies in a developing country
 - Practical experience of project management in a developing country setting
 - Excellent organizational skills
 - Excellent written and oral communication skills in English
 - Commitment to working as part of a multidisciplinary research team
 - Ability to work in a multicultural environment
 - Willingness to work in both urban and rural areas

Desirable

- Experience in HIV and cardiovascular disease care
- Experience working in hospitals
- Experience in conducting longitudinal studies in a developing country setting
- Evidence of authoring peer reviewed articles
- Certified in Good Clinical Practice (GCP) for the conduct of human research

Mode of application:

- Interested applicants should submit their applications together with a letter of application, CV and copies of all relevant certificates, memberships and qualifications recruitment@mitu.or.tz **no later than 20th 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.

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

A competitive remuneration package will be offered.