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EMPLOYMENT/CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Unit is an internationally recognized centre of excellence with dominant research themes in the areas of HIV and emerging infections, vaccines and immunity, and chronic diseases and cancer. Through a multidisciplinary approach, intersecting basic science, epidemiological research, social-behavioural research, and the conduct of new intervention evaluation studies, the Unit contributes knowledge on changing epidemics and diseases, the evaluation of innovative health care options, treatment and prevention and the development of health policy and practice in Africa and worldwide. Following the signing of strategic transfer agreements between the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and the Medical Research Council (MRC UK), the Unit formally joined LSHTM on 1st February 2018. The exciting new partnership will boost research capacity into current and emerging health issues in Africa and throughout the world. The Unit is based at the UVRI Entebbe campus with established outposts in Kalungu, Masaka, Wakiso and Kampala Districts. The Unit is now seeking enthusiastic and experienced individuals to fill the following position:

Clinical Officer (Occupation Therapist) – (03 Positions)

Position Code: COOT -922

Reports to: Research Coordinator

Station: Kyamulibwa, Uganda

Duration: 3 months

Job Purpose:

The position holder will be responsible for conducting Communication, Cognition, Self-care and Mental Health assessments with study participants, following standardized protocols developed for this study. This will include taking reported history, conducting screenings and assessments, and identifying and making referrals for needed health and rehabilitation services and assistive products. He/she will be responsible for collecting data using tablet-based mobile application developed for this study.

The Functional Needs Assessment Survey is a population-based survey in Kalungu district Uganda. This project will field test a new survey tool, The Functional Needs Assessment Tool (FNAT). FNAT is a survey method for assessing impairment, functioning and need for rehabilitation services and assistive products in the following domains: vision, hearing, mobility, communication, cognition self-care and mental health. It uses both clinical and self-reported assessments, with data collection through a bespoke app. This study aims to conduct the first field test of FNAT to estimate i) the prevalence of functional difficulties and ii) the unmet and total need for rehabilitation services and assistive products in Kalungu district. The survey will be conducted in selected villages throughout Kalungu district.

Roles & Responsibilities

- Attend study training;
- Travel daily, with survey team, to different study areas throughout Kalungu and visit households selected to be included in the survey;
- Complete clinical assessment of study participants following standardized survey protocols (to be covered in training) including; conduct screening and assessments for communication, cognition, self-care and mental health and identify appropriate service and assistive product need for functional difficulties and make referral to services as appropriate;
- Ensure daily tablet-based data entry is completed thoroughly and accurately;
- Liaise regularly with study coordinator and team leaders and give regular reports on progress with data collection;
- Participate in Survey staff meetings and retraining sessions as required;
- Follow all ethical and protocol procedures;
- Follow COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control guidelines; and,
- Perform any other duties allocated by the line manager.

Person Specification

- Diploma in Occupational Therapy and Community Health;
- Certificate in Good clinical practice;
- Completed courses in: tablet-based data applications; research methods; disability, rehabilitation and/or assistive technology training;
- Certificate in management/ leadership;
- Should possess at least three years working experience as an ENT Clinical Officer in a clinical setting (hospital or health center);
- Experience working on surveys or other types of research;
- Experience of working in the community with diverse groups, including people with disabilities.;
- Management experience;
- Knowledge on clinical assessment and interventions for Occupational Therapy, specifically in the areas of communication, cognition, self-care and/or mental health;
- Tablet-based data collection skills; and,
- Knowledge of local language of study area (Luganda);

How to Apply

Follow the link below to fill a form and submit your application documentation:

https://redcap.link/Clinical_Officer_occupational_therapist

Filling the form more than once will lead to automatic disqualification. High level of integrity while filling the form is required and will be considered during shortlisting.

Combine all your application documentation i.e. cover letter, CV & certified copies of academic documents into one PDF document. Deadline for application is **14th October 2022, 5:00 pm.** Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview. This position is open to Ugandan nationals only. Strictly follow the application procedure as failure to do so will lead to automatic disqualification. Only online applications through the link provided will

be accepted. ***You will receive a notification in your email if your application and documentation have been successfully received.***

N.B: You will be required to present certified copies of your academic documentation before employment and so are advised to embark on the certification process soon enough to enable timely contracting.

The applications should be addressed to:

The Head of Human Resources,
MRC/ UVRI and LSHTM Uganda Research Unit,
P.O. Box, 49,
Entebbe, Uganda.

Consider your application unsuccessful if not contacted within eight (8) weeks after the closing date of the advert. Any form of lobbying at any stage will lead to automatic disqualification. By submitting your personal information, you consent to the MRC/ UVRI and LSHTM Uganda Research Unit holding and using it in accordance with its recruitment policy and procedure. The Unit reserves the right to verify documents attached with the relevant awarding institutions to authenticate their validity.

MRC/UVRI & LSHTM Uganda Research Unit strives for inclusion and diversity and therefore considers all job applicants based on merit without regard to race, sex, color, national origin, religion, age, marital status, and disability. We highly encourage persons with disabilities to apply and compete for different job openings at the Unit. The Unit is an equal opportunity employer committed to having a diverse work force and does not ask for money at any stage of recruitment.