

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Building Implementation Science Capacity to Strengthen the Response to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Uganda Program: Grant No.2D43TW010037

The Makerere University School of Medicine Implementation Science (**Mak-ImS**) Training program, funded by the United States **National Institutes of Health-Fogarty International Center** is a collaboration between **Makerere University College of Health Sciences** and **University of California San Francisco** in the USA. The goal of this training program is to create sustained growth of an ImS research environment at Makerere University and the application of ImS to bear on HIV research and service delivery on a larger scale. This call for applications targets; junior and mid-level faculty, graduate trainees in Public Health, Clinical and Social sciences, researchers, and HIV implementers with a demonstrated

interest in developing generalizable approaches which enhance the uptake of evidence-based healthcare practices to optimize outcomes along the continuum of HIV care.

The program is soliciting applications for research training positions in the following categories;

1. **PhD program at Makerere University (4 years)**
2. **Master's degree program at Makerere University (2 years)**
3. **Non-degree fellowship (2 years)**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. PhD TRAINING

- Must be either a junior or mid-level faculty at Makerere University or a staff of an HIV research/ implementing project or program at MoH, Makerere University or its affiliated institutions.
- Have a masters' degree in Medicine, Behavioral Sciences, and Social Sciences, Economics & Information Technology or any Biomedical /Health-related field.
- Demonstrate interest in research, HIV care and prevention, and commitment to developing a productive career in implementation research.
- Has a good HIV-ImS concept of at least 5-pages; prior discussion of the proposed research with a preferred mentor on our program is an added advantage. Follow the link below for the mentors' contacts. <https://tinyurl.com/2p8w7fdv>
- Clear description of the support needed backed by the necessary justifications and proposed timelines.
- Willingness to undertake and complete all training mandated by the scholarship.
- Commitment to publish conducted research in open-access peer-reviewed journals.

2. MASTER'S TRAINING DEGREE

- Should be enrolled in any of the following programs; Master's degree in Public Health (MPH), Medicine (Internal Medicine or Pediatrics), Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Health Services Research, Social Sciences and Psychology.
- Should have a good HIV-ImS concept of at least 5-pages and should have completed at least one year of graduate training. For the MPH-Distance Education course, one must have completed two years.
- Demonstrate interest in HIV research, care, and prevention and commitment to developing a productive career in implementation research.
- Willingness to undertake and complete all training mandated by the scholarship.

- Willingness to be mentored to conduct and publish the proposed research in an open-access peer-reviewed journal.

3. NON-DEGREE FELLOWSHIP

- Must be a junior or mid-level faculty/researcher at Makerere University or its affiliated institutions, or a program officer or policymaker at the Uganda-MoH.
- Have completed a masters' degree in any Biomedical /Health or Behavioral science-related field.
- Must have a good HIV-ImS concept of at least 5-pages.
- Good experience in biomedical or behavioral research and exposure to scientific writing and research publication.
- Willingness to undertake and complete all training mandated by the scholarship so as to conduct a mentored HIV research project which must be published in an open-access peer-reviewed journal.

The following are the broad HIV/AIDS Research priority areas (themes). Applicants are encouraged to develop concepts from these themes.

- (a) Research to reduce HIV incidence e.g. implementation research on pre-exposure prophylaxis.
- (b) Implementation research to ensure initiation of treatment as soon as the diagnosis has been made, retention and engagement in these services, and achievement and maintenance of optimal prevention and treatment responses.
- (c) HIV-associated comorbidities and co-infections (E.g TB, Cardiovascular, Neurological, and Malignancies).

NB:

All trainees must complete training in; Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR), Protection of Human Research Participants (PHRP) and Good Clinical Practice (GCP) before conducting research involving human subjects.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Application letters should be accompanied by a detailed curriculum vita, copies of academic credentials, recommendation letters from two professional references or mentors experienced in HIV research, Personal Development Plan (For PhD and Fellowship only), proof of admission at Makerere University (for Master's) and a concept/ proposal of the proposed HIV-ImS research. Cover letters should be addressed to the **Training Coordinator**, Mak-ImS Program and emailed to ims.chs@mak.ac.ug. Any inquiries can also be sent the same email under the subject: Inquiries_applications

Submit your application
Before:

30th APRIL, 2022