



KENYA MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening date: June 18, 2019

Vacancy: CGHR/91/07/19

Project description: The Spatial repellents (SR) project is funded by UNITAID and seeks to fill the gaps for assessing spatial repellent products efficacy, deployment and uptake strategies. In this regard, Kenya has been selected as the site for conducting the epidemiological evaluation of spatial repellent product efficacy in a high malaria transmission setting. This study will be conducted in Busia County over the next two years. The project seeks to fill the following position(s).

Position: Laboratory Technicians (7 positions) MR 6

Location: Teso South and Teso North Sub Counties, Busia County

Reporting to: Study Coordinator

Position Description:

Reporting to the Study Coordinator, the Laboratory Technician will be responsible for diagnostics in children between 6 months and 15 years including standard data collection, sample collection, RDT and blood slide preparation for malaria diagnosis and other procedures as necessary. S/he must be flexible and work within the existing structure, in a professional and ethical manner with competence, accountability and integrity.

Essential Requirements:

- Must have a certificate in Medical Laboratory Sciences or Applied Biology from a recognized institution in Kenya.
- Must have a minimum of 1 year experience working in clinical laboratory.
- Must have minimum basic knowledge of quality management systems.
- Prior experience in performing malaria diagnosis by microscopy
- Basic computer skills required.
- Must be registered by KMLTTB

Desired Qualifications:

- Ability to communicate effectively with staff and supervisors both verbally and in writing.
- A high level of proficiency in spoken and written English and Kiswahili.

Responsibilities:

- Perform phlebotomy
- Prepare blood smears for malaria diagnosis
- Performing Malaria diagnosis by microscopy.
- Enter/record test results obtained in an organized and timely manner, and write summary reports based on the work conducted.
- Maintenance and cleaning of glassware and equipment.

- Monitor operational supplies requirements and make timely requests through the laboratory manager for the same.
- Keeping organized and precise laboratory notebooks for quality assurance.
- Assist in the development and implementation of Standard Operating Procedures
- Organizing biological samples for appropriate storage and shipment.
- Comply with all policies and regulations related to safety, cleanliness and infection control in the laboratory.
- Performance of other duties as assigned by the Laboratory manager and laboratory Supervisor.

Terms of Employment: Employment is a one (1) year renewable contract with a probation period for the first 3 months.

Remuneration: Compensation is negotiable within a relevant grade, based on education levels, relevant experience and demonstrated competency. The salary scheme is based on the KEMRI scales plus supplemental amounts.

Applications should include the following:

- a) Letter of Application (**Indicate Vacancy Number**)
- b) Current Resume or Curriculum Vitae with Telephone number and e-mail address
- c) Three letters of reference with contact telephone numbers
- d) Copies of Academic Certificates and Transcripts

Apply to Director, CGHR, P.O. Box 1578-40100, Kisumu not later than August 7, 2019

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