



KENYA MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT

Opening date: February 28, 2022

Vacancy No. CGHR/260/02/22

Project description: The Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) in collaboration with Washington State University (WSU) and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention seek to undertake a Covid-19 Vaccine Effectiveness (CVE) study in Kenya championed by the Family Health Unit (FHU) in partnership with the Influenza Program. COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness data are currently unavailable in sub-Saharan Africa. In addition, conducting post-introduction CVE studies in sub-Saharan Africa will increase science-based evidence, public confidence, demand, and utilization of available vaccines. This study aims to measure overall and product-specific CVE against laboratory-confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infections associated with severe respiratory illness. The project is pleased to announce the following vacant position(s).

Position: Clinical Officer – KMR 8 (20 positions)
Location: Busia, Kisumu, Migori, Embu, Kapenguria, Makueni county Referral Hospital, Kenyatta University Teaching and Referral Hospital, Mama Lucy Hospital.
Reporting to: Research Administrator

Essential Qualifications

- Diploma in Clinical Medicine from a recognized institution.
- Fluency in English and Kiswahili (written and oral).
- Must have evidence of involvement in community health work.
- Must be registered by the authorizing board (Clinical officers council of Kenya)
- 1 year Experience Providing clinical services in Government or Mission health institution

Desirable Skills/Abilities

- Excellent ability to communicate verbally and in writing.
- Experience working with mobile data collection devices (net-books, PDAs, smart-phones).
- Excellent social, communication and listening skills, open-minded personality.
- Excellent interpersonal relations skills
- Ability to work independently as well as an active member of a team.
- Experience in providing health education in health facilities
- Understanding of the local language is an added advantage (as applicable).

Job Summary: Working under the direct supervision of the study coordinator. The primary responsibility of the position is to register study participants, collect data, conduct physical examinations, and collect applicable specimens/sample for testing for influenza and SARS-CoV2, and to ensure the specimen are stored and transported as per the standard operating procedures.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Work closely within the hospital's triage area to review the chief complaint of patients presenting in the health facility.
2. Determine whether any of the patient(s) fit the case definitions for surveillance.
3. If the case definitions are met, complete the data collection forms, and collect nasopharyngeal, oropharyngeal and nasal swabs from the patient.
4. Ensure that supplies are sufficient, and re-order as necessary.
5. Work closely with the national surveillance coordinator who will oversee activities at the sentinel sites.
6. Work closely with the hospital disease surveillance and infection control teams in implementing containment measures
7. Coordinate implementation of sub-studies as planned by the influenza project(s)
8. Work closely with the Ministry of Health to sensitize and coordinate IDSR disease surveillance activities at the hospital
9. Assist in monitoring and evaluation activities to document activities and provide quality assurance to improve program service delivery

Terms of Employment: Contract for 1 year renewable as per KEMRI schemes of service. Probation period for the first 3 months. Salary negotiable within the appropriate grade depending on education, experience and demonstrated competency.

Applications should include the following:

- Letter of Application (Indicate vacancy number)
- Current Curriculum Vitae with telephone number and e-mail address
- Copies of Certificates
- Day time contact telephone number

Applications must include copies of Certificates and applications without this will be disregarded.

All the applications to be done through **KEMRI Website** www.kemri.go.ke/e-recruitment - **E-Recruitment Portal** on or before **20th March 2022** latest 5.00 p.m.

Please visit the KEMRI web site www.kemri.go.ke for more details on the advertisement.

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Only short-listed candidates will be contacted