

SCHOLARSHIPS IN CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICINE

MEPI – CVD LINKED PROGRAM MAKERERE UNIVERSITY and MBARARA UNIVERSITY SPONSORED BY FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CENTER, NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, USA

REQUEST/CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The **MEPI – CVD linked program** at Makerere University College of Health sciences (MakCHS) and Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST) aims at building capacity to control Cardiovascular Diseases. The MEPI-CVD linked program will provide advanced degree training to qualified candidates with an interest in clinical and research careers in Cardiovascular Medicine. Trainees will be expected to develop and maintain a productive career devoted to Cardiovascular Research, Clinical Practice and Prevention.

The program is now soliciting applications for research training positions that will lead to a **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Masters in Medicine (M.Med), Masters in Public Health (MPH), and Master of Science Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics (MSc CEB) at Makerere University or Mbarara University**. Funding and mentorship support for a maximum of two years for the Masters Programs will be available to the selected candidates. The scholarships cover tuition fees, research costs and a monthly stipend. Support for the M.Med will be available for only the second and third year when the candidate is expected to be conducting a mentored CVD research project. Support for the PhD will be for all the four years.

Application Process

A letter of application accompanied with a nomination letter, CV, personal statement, letter of recommendation and a concept paper of the proposed CVD research should be submitted to the selection committee through Dr. James Kayima, Department of Medicine, MakCHS and Dr. Francis Bajunirwe, Department of community Health, MUST. Applicants for Master's degree programs will be asked to show evidence of having been accepted into the appropriate master's program at MakCHS or MUST. Only short-listed candidates will be notified.

Research Programs

The following are the broad priority areas (themes). Applicants are encouraged to develop concepts from these themes. Concepts outside these themes but related to cardiovascular disease are also welcome;

- The prevalence and distribution of CVDs and their risk factors in the indigenous population,
- The value of salt substitution in primary prevention of hypertension,
- The responses to different antihypertensive regimens in the indigenous population,
- Risk factors and outcomes for stroke,
- Determination of the prevalence RHD in school going children in Uganda
- The effect of HIV and its treatment on CVD presentations

For additional advice on developing concepts, please contact the following:

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Deadline for receiving Applications: 31st January, 2011