



TRAINING HEALTH RESEARCHERS INTO VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN EAST AFRICA (THRiVE)

OPPORTUNITY FOR MINI-SABBATICAL GRANTS AND PUMP-PRIMING GRANTS

Staff members (teaching or research) from any of the African THRiVE Institutions (Gulu University, Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College, Makerere University, National University of Rwanda, National Institute of Medical Research-Mwanza, Uganda Virus Research Institute and International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology) are invited to apply for **Mini-Sabbaticals and Pump – Priming Grants**.

The main objectives of the grants are to:

- Foster collaboration between THRiVE institutes and staff
- Encourage sharing of specialized tools and expertise within the THRiVE network
- Encourage the production and submission of joint proposals for research funding
- Provide resources to develop new research ideas and proposals for funding.

MINI-SABBATICAL GRANTS

The grant will cover travel expenses, accommodation allowance plus minimal research costs paid for a THRiVE staff member to visit another THRiVE institution for up to 6 months. There are five (5) grants (a maximum of £5,000 each) available for 2011. Staff members can only apply for one grant, although within a proposed collaborative project staff members may apply for reciprocal visits. No fixed 'per diems' will be paid: only documented costs of travel and accommodation, plus minimal research costs.

PUMP-PRIMING GRANTS

The grant will enable a THRiVE staff member to plan and organize joint grant writing workshops for research proposal development or to conduct preliminary research to obtain data for writing a joint research proposal with at least one THRiVE member from another institution. There are six (6) grants (a maximum of £10,000 each), and there is a requirement that at least two THRiVE institutions are involved. Workshop, research, travel and some personnel costs (up to 20%) may be requested.

Grants awarded will be managed by the accounts office of the applicant's local institution.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to apply, THRiVE staff members need to submit the following documents:

- A one-page CV outlining the research interests and previous grants held
- **For Mini-Sabbaticals**, a short description (2-3 pages total) of the proposed research that will be developed.

- Applications for **Pump-Priming grants** should be ~2-4 pages, and include a brief summary/background, proposed approach/methods, expected outputs and impact, a description of the expectations for fundraising, up to 10 key references.
- Both schemes should include the name(s) and one-page CV of the proposed collaborator(s) in another THRiVE institution
- A budget for the travel, accommodation allowance plus minimal research costs (for the Mini-Sabbatical), or a budget for the preliminary research (for the Pump-Priming).

APPLICATION DEADLINE

For both grants, the deadline for submitting applications is 27th June 2011. Applications should be sent to the Administrator, THRiVE consortium at Makerere University (info@thrive.or.ug, +256 414 530021).

The next deadline will be 27th September 2011.

REVIEW AND SELECTION OF APPLICATIONS

Compliant proposals will be submitted to a review panel of two non-ESGC members of THRiVE (either before or after the review by ESGC). Based on the recommendations from the ESGC review, and the independent non-ESGC members, the ESGC will then decide whether to recommend the application to the THRiVE Steering Committee for funding. This decision can be made by email or telephone consent. Applicants will be informed by email within one month of completion of the review.