CALL FOR **APPLICATIONS FOR PhD TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**





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, researchers and HIV implementers with demonstrated interest in developing generalizable approaches which enhance the uptake of evidence-based healthcare practices to optimize outcomes along the continuum of HIV care.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Have a Masters' degree in Medicine, Behavioral Sciences, Social Sciences, Economics & Information Technology or any Biomedical /Health related field.
- Demonstrated interest in research and HIV care and • prevention and potential to grow into an independent researcher.
- Has a near completed or completed proposal with a • clear ImS component and willing to conduct a rigorously mentored dissertation project in this area as part of the degree program.
- Commitment to develop and maintain a productive career devoted to implementation research on the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS.
- Must be either a junior or mid-level faculty at Makerere • University or a staff of an HIV research/ implementing project or working in a relevant program at Makerere University or the Ministry of Health.
- Have clear training timelines, details of the training support • needed and justification for the support.

Ready to undertake training in Epidemiology and • Biostatistics and a one-year UCSF Online Certificate in Implementation Science.

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

- (a) Research to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS e.g. implementation research on pre-exposure prophylaxis.
- (b) Implementation research to ensure initiation of treatment as soon as 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. Cardiovascular, Neurological, Malignancies and TB).

NB: All trainees MUST complete trainings 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

Submit your application Before:

detailed curriculum vita, copies of academic credentials, recommendation letters from two professional references or mentors experienced in HIV research, Personal Development Plan (Fellowship only) and a Concept/ Proposal of your proposed ImS HIV research project. The letters should be addressed to the Training Coordinator, Mak-ImS Project and sent to; Email: ims.chs@mak.ac.ug

Friday, 15TH OCTOBER, 2021

*Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

