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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Epilepsy is a common, chronic, non-communicable disease of the brain which can affect any individual irrespective of age, race, sexual, social or geographical boundaries, and contributes approximately 0.5% to the total global burden of disease. The majority of affected individuals (>80%) live in low resource settings such as is found in Uganda, with the poor most at risk in view of their high exposure to other co-existing conditions associated with epilepsy, as well as limitations in accessing appropriate care. The AWE-Change project is an NIH funded initiative set up by the collaboration of researchers from Makerere University, School of Medicine in Uganda and Duke University, School of Medicine in USA to study various aspects of epilepsy in Uganda. The series of studies will clinically characterize epilepsy, and its psychiatric comorbidities and functional impacts, among children and adult cases; describe the magnitude, drivers, and the impact of epilepsy-related stigma on adolescents; and evaluate the impact of a community-based engagement program to reduce stigma among adolescents with epilepsy in Uganda.

The AWE-Change project seeks to employ the following personnel to work on the project and in the respective study clinics to be set up in various districts all over Uganda.

1. Position: Project Coordinator/Manager. (1 Post)

Qualifications and abilities:

1. Diploma or degree holder in a social science or health related field. (A Master's degree will be an added advantage)
2. Previous experience in the co-ordination of research studies, and some basic understanding of the scientific and ethical aspects of research studies.
3. Ability to prioritize to appropriate deadlines.
4. Excellent communication, interpersonal and organizational skills.
5. Computer literacy and experience with MS Office packages.
6. Professional registration with an accredited organization.
7. Flexibility to travel and reside in various districts all over Uganda over a two-year period.
8. Expected to live in a nearby location next to the respective study clinics set up in various districts all over Uganda
9. Fluency in three or more local languages will be an added advantage.

10. Prior research experience in epilepsy or a related field will be an added advantage

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Reports to the Principal investigator.
2. Ordering the necessary supplies and equipment and ensuring that the required logistics reach the respective study sites in time.
3. Coordinating the rest of the various study activities, and working with the rest of the study team.
4. Ensuring that transportation and scheduling of clinical assessments and other follow-up of patients is instituted on time.
5. Writing regular progress reports as required.
6. Maintaining necessary records and to oversee record – keeping by the field team staff
7. Any other duties as assigned by the Principal investigator.

Duty Station:

Respective study clinics set up in various districts all over Uganda.

Application Requirements:

- a) An application letter addressed to the Selection Committee- AWE Change Project.
- b) Certificates and transcripts for the Bachelors and/or Masters degrees and any other relevant documents.
- c) Curriculum vitae with publications if any, including daytime phone contact.
- d) At least two letters of recommendation from persons who are familiar with your academic strengths and technical abilities

Applications should be e-mailed to: awechangeproject@gmail.com

Closing date for sending applications: 18th March 2022

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2. Position: Clinical Officer (2 Posts)

Qualifications and abilities:

1. Diploma in Clinical Medicine and Community Health or Diploma in Clinical Psychiatry.
2. A minimum of 2 year's work experience in a clinical setting.
3. Registered with the Allied Health Professionals Council.
4. Previous training in epilepsy care or management is an added advantage.
5. Good demonstrable communication and interpersonal skills.
6. Prior research experience in epilepsy or a related field will be an added advantage.
7. Fluency in three or more local languages will be an added advantage.
8. Flexibility to travel and reside in various districts all over Uganda over a two-year period.
9. Expected to live in a nearby location next to the respective study clinics set up in various districts all over Uganda.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Reports to the Project Coordinator.
2. Carrying out diagnostic assessment on study participants to resolve whether their symptoms and physical exams meet the criteria for epilepsy and/or other associated comorbidities.
3. Ensuring that all clinical assessments related to the study is followed as per the protocol.
4. Ensuring that all the required data for the study is collected on the respective case report forms filled and filed.
5. Assess and provide medical care for any acute health problems of the study participants.
6. Prescribe anti-seizure medications to the study participants diagnosed with epilepsy.
7. Compile and submit weekly reports to the Project Coordinator.
8. Compliment the efforts of other members on the field study team.
9. Perform any other duty as may be assigned by the Principal Investigator

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3. Position: Study Nurse (2 Posts)

Qualifications and abilities:

1. A certified registered nurse however one with a Bachelor's degree in Nursing will be an added advantage.
2. Registration with the Nurses and Practices Council.
3. Minimum of 2 years work experience in a hospital or research setting
4. Certified Good Clinical Practice training is a MUST
5. Knowledge and experience in management of cases with epilepsy is an added advantage
6. Good interpersonal skills.
7. Fluency in three or more local languages will be an added advantage.
8. Flexibility to travel and reside in various districts all over Uganda over a two-year period.
9. Expected to live in a nearby location next to the respective study clinics set up in various districts all over Uganda.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Reports to the Project Coordinator.
2. Facilitate study clinical flow by checking vital signs and weights of the study participants.
3. Ensuring that all the required data for the study is collected on the respective case report forms filled and filed.
4. Provide any assistance to the study clinicians as they assess the patients
5. Organize the distribution of refreshments for the study participants

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4. Position: EEG technicians (2 Posts)

Qualifications and abilities:

1. A diploma or high school education with evidence of on-the-job training in EEG, however one with a certificate or associate degree in EEG will be an added advantage.
2. Minimum of 1 years work experience in a hospital or research setting.
3. Knowledge in reading and distinguishing particular kinds of brainwave patterns.
4. Experience in preparing, operating and maintaining electroencephalograph machines.
5. Good interpersonal skills.
6. Fluency in three or more local languages will be an added advantage.
7. Flexibility to travel and reside in various districts all over Uganda over a two-year period.
8. Expected to live in a nearby location next to the respective study clinics set up in various districts all over Uganda.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Reports to the Project Coordinator.
2. Able to apply electrodes to patients' heads and conduct an EEG procedure.
3. Able to correct for any electrical and mechanical interference, in the EEG machine.

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