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PhD Training Advert

Child Health and Development Centre (CHDC) is a multi-disciplinary teaching and research unit in the School of Medicine, Makerere University College of Health Sciences www.chdc.mak.ac.ug. CHDC's mission is to promote the wellbeing of children and women in Uganda through multidisciplinary research, training and strengthening of partnerships between the university, communities and government. CHDC's research is structured under six programmes: Non-Communicable Diseases in Children, Healthy Systems Strengthening for Child Health, Families, Parenting and Children's Health, Early Childhood Development and Health, Training and Capacity Building Programme, and Disability, Technology and Child Health Programme.

Information about PhD Position

CHDC is part of a multi-country collaboration led by Oxford University UK, which has received funding from LEGO and OAK Foundations to undertake a project entitled: Global Parenting Initiative (GPI). This is a five-year collaboration that aims to provide access to free, evidence-based, playful parenting support to every parent, everywhere, so that they are equipped with the knowledge and tools to help their children realise their learning potential and to prevent child sexual abuse and exploitation and family violence. The GPI involves the rapid development and evaluation of open-source, playful parenting programmes delivered through digital and hybrid human-digital platforms. These innovations, co-developed with children and families in Africa and Asia, involve families receiving remote parenting programmes through online chat groups (ParentChat), automated text messages (ParentText), app-based support (ParentApp), and multimedia – all adaptable to be integrated with in-person programmes. The Uganda work-package seeks to test the transferability of the Parenting for Life-long Health's human-digital architecture to build similar digital and hybrid versions for Parenting for Respectability programme in Uganda. The Parenting for Respectability is a 16-session programme delivered to parents to prevent child maltreatment and intimate partner violence to improve children's wellbeing.

Major responsibilities

Your major responsibilities are to pursue your own doctoral studies (80% of full time). You will contribute (20%) to the wider project admin work, teaching of students etc. You are expected to develop your own scientific concepts and research objectives within the context of digital delivery and scale-up of the Parenting for Respectability Programme.

Qualifications

We are seeking a candidate who has completed a Master's degree with a quantitative orientation in a relevant field (MA or MSc). The candidate may come from statistics, epidemiology, public health, psychology, social sciences or any other relevant discipline. Additional qualifications for applicants with MA are a Master's Dissertation with a quantitative orientation. Prior research experience, in particular, in the area of gender, parenting, violence, and health is an added advantage. Interested candidates who have already secured admission to commence PhD in a relevant theme in Makerere University starting 2022/2023, but have no funding, may also apply.

Scholarship/Contract terms

Full-time. The position is limited to a maximum of 3 years.

Application procedure

The application should be sent electronically as MS word-files comprising a motivation letter (max 2 pages stating your motivation for undertaking research training leading to a PhD), a short conceptnote (max 3 pages, outlining proposed PhD study, objectives and methods), a short CV (max 3 pages) and academic certificates. Also attach copy of master's dissertation. Mention two references that we can contact. Address it to Dr Siu Godfrey: godfrey.siu@mak.ac.ug and copy Martha Atuhaire: martha8atuhaire@gmail.com

Application deadline: July 19th, 2022