



MAKERERE UNIVERSITY



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

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 the **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, graduate trainees in Public Health, Clinical- and Social sciences, researchers, and HIV implementers with a demonstrated interest in developing generalizable approaches which enhance

the uptake of evidence-based healthcare practices to optimize outcomes along the continuum of HIV care.

The program is soliciting applications for research training positions in the following categories;

- 1. Master's Degree Program** in the fields of: ((MMed) in Internal Medicine or Pediatrics, Master's in Public Health (MPH); Masters in Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics (MSc CEB), Master of Arts in Social Sciences, Economics, Information Technology at Makerere University with demonstrated research experience.
- 2. Long-term Non-Degree program (1-2 years)**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. Master's training at Makerere University

Eligibility criteria

- Should be enrolled in any of the following programs; Master's degree in; Public Health (MPH), medicine (Internal Medicine or Pediatrics), Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Health Services Research and Social Sciences.
- Should have an ImS concept of at least 5 pages and should have completed at least one year of graduate training. For the MPH-Distance Education course, one must have completed at least two years.
- Demonstrated interest in HIV research, care, and prevention.

2. Non-Degree Fellowship in Implementation Science

This is a 2-year fellowship program targeting Junior and Mid-level faculty at Makerere University, Policymakers, Researchers and HIV implementers. Must have a good ImS concept of at least 5 pages. Trainees will undertake courses in Epidemiology & Biostatistics, and Implementation science to be equipped with knowledge and skills in ImS research, scientific writing and presentation so as to conduct a mentored HIV research project which must be published in an open-access peer-reviewed journal.

Eligibility criteria:

- Having a Masters' degree in any Biomedical /Health or behavioral science-related field.
- A good research training and publication background in HIV related field.
- Must have a concept or near-completed HIV-related research proposal with an ImS component and be willing to conduct mentored research focused on HIV BSS.
- **Prior training in Implementation science is an added advantage.**

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

- Research to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS e.g. implementation research on pre-exposure prophylaxis.*
- Implementation research to ensure initiation of treatment as soon as the diagnosis has been made, retention and engagement in these services, and achievement and maintenance of optimal prevention and treatment responses.*
- HIV-associated comorbidities and co-infections (E. g TB, Cardiovascular, Neurological and Malignancies).*



APPLICATION PROCESS:

Application letters should be accompanied by a Cover letter, a detailed Curriculum Vita, copies of Academic credentials, Recommendation letters from 2(two) professional references or mentors experienced in HIV research, Personal Development Plan (Fellowship only), Proof of admission at Makerere University (Master's) 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 ims.chs@mak.ac.ug

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

NB: All trainees must complete training in; Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR), Protection of Human Research Participants (PHRP) and Good Clinical Practice (GCP) before conducting research involving human subjects.

**SUBMIT YOUR
APPLICATION BEFORE:**

19th MAY, 2023