



THRIVE-2 PHD AND POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN HEALTH

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PRELIMINARY APPLICATIONS

Applications are invited for **year 2 intake** for **PhD and post-doctoral** fellowships run by THRIVE, a DELTAS Africa consortium of East African Universities (Makerere University, Gulu University and Kilimanjaro Christian Medical University College) and Research Institutes (International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology in Kenya (icipe), the National Institute of Medical Research (NIMR) at Mwanza in Tanzania, and the Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI), together with the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and the University of Cambridge, UK.

This scheme is aimed at supporting training and mentoring the most promising young scientists from Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda selected in THRIVE-2 to become independent, internationally-recognised research leaders. Successful applicants will develop their potential to become excellent researchers within a structured mentored training environment. The focus of the programme is on rigorous, intensive health research training relevant to East Africa, and research projects will be carried out in Kenya, Tanzania or Uganda. ***Research projects focusing on an aspect of infectious diseases/neglected tropical diseases (IDs/NTDs), maternal, neonatal and reproductive health (MN/RH) and non-communicable diseases (NCDs) will be considered (including, but not limited to, basic and clinical science, epidemiology or social science).*** Fellowships allow for sandwich attachments to LSHTM and University of Cambridge, UK.

The **PhD fellowships** will be up to four years, including a period of up to six months at either LSHTM or University of Cambridge. PhD degrees will be undertaken at one of the above three East African Universities in the consortium. ***Applicants will be expected to hold a Master's degree in a relevant discipline. Applicants who have not yet successfully completed their master's degree training will not be considered.***

Post-doctoral fellowships will be for two years, including up to six months at either LSHTM or University of Cambridge. ***Applicants will be expected to have been awarded or defended their PhD training by the time they submit their applications. Applicants who graduated more than 5 years ago will not be considered.*** Courses will be attended and projects should be designed to develop the applicant's potential to compete, in future, for international research funding. Fellows will be required to take advantage of the consortium research training courses/resources, excellent mentorship and strong research networks to achieve expected outputs (high quality publications, international collaborations and research grants).

Applicants for both PhD and post-doctoral fellowships must show a commitment to pursuing an academic or research career in East Africa after the training and engaging policy makers and the public in their research work. THRIVE support will include a stipend, university fees for PhD fellowships, research expenses, and travel costs.

Applications must be submitted through the consortium website: www.thrive.or.ug and should consist of the completed preliminary application form with your work/institutional address, e-mail address and daytime telephone contact number; supporting letters from two professional referees, together with their telephone numbers, institutional addresses and e-mail addresses. The application form is available on the THRIVE website <http://www.thrive.or.ug>.

Closing date for receipt of applications is 5:00pm (EAT) Monday 21st November 2016.

The selection will involve a 3 step process that will be based on review of preliminary applications, assessment of full applications submitted by shortlisted candidates and face to face interviews.

Further particulars can be obtained from the THRIVE consortium Secretariat at Makerere University College of Health Sciences (info@thrive.or.ug, +256 414 530021).