Call for applications

Postgraduate scholarships supported by TDR for academic year 2018/2019

The University of Zambia, School of Medicine, Department of Public Health

Application deadline: 29 June 2018, 17:00 CAT

BACKGROUND
The Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) is hosted at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. Its focus is to improve the health and well-being of people burdened by infectious diseases of poverty through research and innovation. The University of Zambia, School of Public Health, in collaboration with TDR invites interested candidates to apply for 2 scholarships which will be offered for the academic year commencing September 2018 in the following two years full-time postgraduate programmes:

1. Master of Science, Epidemiology
2. Master of Public Health, Health Promotion and Education
3. Master of Public Health, Health Policy and Management

The scholarship recipients will conduct their thesis projects on Implementation Research on infectious diseases of poverty, for example neglected tropical diseases\(^1\) (NTDs), malaria and tuberculosis, in their home countries. Recipients will be enrolled as postgraduate students.

Implementation research\(^2\) focuses on the systematic approach to understanding and addressing barriers to effective and quality implementation of health interventions, strategies and policies.

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP
Applicants should:

- Be resident in and a national of a low- or middle-income country\(^3\) in the WHO African Region\(^4\).
- Be 35 or younger.
- Be interested in developing a career in implementation research on infectious diseases of poverty.
- Have minimum a bachelor’s degree with a credit or above in a relevant field from a recognised university.
- Be proficient in English.
- If working, must provide evidence of ability to obtain study leave before commencement of the programme.

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\(^1\) WHO list of NTDs at [http://www.who.int/neglected_diseases/diseases/en/](http://www.who.int/neglected_diseases/diseases/en/)

\(^2\) Further information on implementation research: [https://www.who.int/tdr/publications/topics/ir-toolkit/en/](https://www.who.int/tdr/publications/topics/ir-toolkit/en/)


\(^4\) WHO African Region countries: [http://www.afro.who.int/countries](http://www.afro.who.int/countries)
SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

This TDR Postgraduate Training Programme scholarship covers:
• One round return air fare between home country of the candidate and Zambia;
• Basic Medical and accident insurance;
• Support for research project thesis/dissertation expenses and supervision, including travel and sustenance during data collection;
• Monthly stipend to cover living expenses including accommodation equivalent to local living cost.

About the TDR Postgraduate Training Scheme

The TDR Postgraduate Training Scheme has a focus on Implementation Research on infectious diseases of poverty, for example the neglected tropical diseases, malaria and tuberculosis. The scheme provides training relevant to a career in implementation research. Implementation research is a growing field that supports the identification of health system bottlenecks and approaches to address them, and is particularly useful in low- and middle-income countries where many health interventions do not reach those who need them the most. The goal of this scheme is to enhance graduate training capacity and boost the number of researchers in low and middle-income countries.

METHOD OF APPLYING

Application form can be obtained from the University of Zambia website at the following link: http://www.unza.zm/application-forms-postgraduate. Required documents are listed in the application form.

Completed and signed application form, accompanied by a motivation letter in Word format, should be submitted to the School of Public Health, to this email address: tdrunza@gmail.com. Please put clearly in your email subject line ‘Application for TDR Scholarship’.

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