VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening Date: June 9, 2020
Closing Date: June 29, 2020

Background Information:
The Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), in collaboration with the Washington University in St. Louis (Wash U) is currently conducting research projects that include the ADAPT-I (Adaptive Strategy for Preventing and Treating Lapses of Retention in Adult HIV Care (ADAPT-R) Study and ADAPT-R-II. The ADAPT studies utilise the novel sequential multiple assignment randomized trial (SMART) approach to assess the effectiveness and cost efficiency of a family of sequential strategies to prevent initial lapses in HIV retention and to treat those that occur.

We have the below vacancies in the ADAPT-R-II study.

1. Position: Adolescent Peer lead (1 Position) KMR/ 7 Vacancy No. FN-017-06-2020

Reports to: Lead Research Assistant
Location: Kisumu
Duration: 1 Year Renewable Contract as per KEMRI Scheme of Service. The first 3 months is a probation period

Position summary:
The Adolescent Peer Leads will work closely with study participants to identify and address barriers to engagement in care, provide psychosocial support, and work resourcefully to re-engage them in HIV care.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Responsible for delivering e-navigation and in-person navigation intervention with regular contact per study protocol.
- Conduct participant recruitment, screening, informed consent, and randomization/re-randomization.
- Complete study surveys, evaluations and enter data into ODK
- Conduct home visits and follow ups for study participants
- Trace patients by phone and or in the field
- Maintain strong positive relationships with community and community leaders to facilitate tracing activities.
• Assist caregivers and adolescents with disclosure support
• Assist in defaulter tracking
• Work closely with study participants to identify and address barriers to engagement in care, provide psychosocial support, and work resourcefully to re-engage them in HIV care.
• Maintain study registers, logs, and files and make sure all study documents are kept secure and locked.
• Write reports and participate in study meetings as required.
• Engagement in adolescent support groups.

Qualifications

• Must have form Four Certificate
• Must be living with HIV and provide evidence of a CCC number in a facility of enrollment and be ready to disclose.
• Must come from the community they serve
• Possess a desire to work compassionately with adolescent and young people
• Must be proficient in English, Swahili and local dialect spoken in the health facility catchment area.
• Strong knowledge of local community, culture and geography
• Excellent computer skills
• Leadership experience preferred (e.g. from school, church or any other)

2. Position: Site Lead Research Assistant (3 Positions) KMR/ 7 Vacancy No. FN-018-06-2020

Reports to: Assistant Coordinator

Location: Kisumu

Duration: 1 Year Renewable Contract as per KEMRI Scheme of Service. The first 3 months is a probation period

Position Summary:

The Site Lead Research Assistants will be responsible for overseeing study management at the site, including patient recruitment, enrollment, tracing, data collection and data entry, documentation, and organization per the study protocol and standard operating procedures

Duties and Responsibilities:

• Oversight and study management at the site
• Conduct participant recruitment, screening, informed consent, and randomization/re-randomization
• Data collection, data entry, documentation, and organization per the study protocol and standard operating procedures
• Site stock management
• Send daily site reports
• Communicate regularly with the Study Coordinators and other study staff and will respond to data and study queries with information and reports as required

• Assist caregivers and adolescents with disclosure support

• Maintain study registers, logs, and files and make sure all study documents are kept secure and locked

• Write reports and participate in study meetings as require

• Participant follow up and tracing

Qualifications

• Diploma in Community Health, Social Work & Community Development or any other related Diploma in Social Sciences

• O’ Level school Certificate Grade C (Constant) and above

• At least two years of Research Assistant Experience

• Motorcycle riding will be an added advantage

• Excellent Computer skills

Applications to be done through the email hrrctp@kemri-ucsf.org - (Indicate Position & Vacancy Number as the subject of your Email)

Applicants should attach the following:

• Letter of Application (Indicate Vacancy Number) and date available to start working for the study

• Current Resume or Curriculum Vitae with Telephone number and e-mail address

• Two letters of reference with contact telephone numbers

• Copies of Academic Certificates and Transcripts

• A copy of the latest pay slip (if applicable)

• A copy of National Identity card or passport

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Only short-listed candidates will be contacted