

TRANSFORMING HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION IN TANZANIA (THET)



ADVERTISEMENT FOR APPLICATION TO YOUNG RESEARCH PEER POSITIONS

1. Background

The Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) has been awarded a grant by Fogarty International Center (FIC) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), in collaboration with Kilimanjaro Christian Medical University (KCMUCo) and Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences (CUHAS), to support transformation of health professions education in Tanzania. The three institutions will collaborate with United States Partners University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and Duke University. The five-year grant (2018-2023) will implement a project titled “To Reach the People: Transforming Health Professions Education in Tanzania (THET)”, being part of the Health Professional Education Partnership Initiative (HEPI) by FIC that supports efforts to strengthen healthcare and research workforce in sub-Saharan Africa, especially in HIV/AIDS. In Tanzania, THET aims to use innovative educational strategies to transform health education geared to produce health professionals who are competent and ready to practice inter-professionally whenever they are in the country. A major goal is to mentor and support junior faculty to become successful in performing inter-professional research and in obtaining funding through creation of a mentored Community of Young Research Peers.

THET is hereby advertising for 12 positions for Young Research Peers (4 each for MUHAS, KCMUCo and CUHAS). Eligible applicants are Junior Faculty (Tutorial Assistants, Assistant Lecturers, Lecturer) at the 3 partner Universities belonging - but not limited - to the Schools of Medicine and Nursing who are self-motivated and willing to work with an inter-professional group of junior and senior scientists from both within and outside their parent Universities. Prospective Young Researchers will be Members of the Community of Young Research Peers for 5 years (2018-2023) and shall be mentored by a team of accomplished Senior Scientists from within the 3 Universities and 2 US partners through physical (once or twice per year) and virtual meetings (every other week), research education, attendance to scientific conferences and research support.

2. Scope of Activities and Support:

- (i) Mentorship on inter-professional research.
- (ii) Training on critical thinking, problem solving and intellectual exchange.
- (iii) Research education (research ethics, research methods, biostatistics, scientific writing).
- (iv) Writing competitive grant applications.
- (v) Attendance to scientific meetings.
- (vi) Research funding (up to USD 10,000; competitive).

3. Eligibility criteria

1. Academic member at MUHAS, KCMUCo or CUHAS.
2. Professional rank of Tutorial Assistant, Assistant Lecturer or Lecturer.
3. Age 40 years or below at the time of application.
4. Experience or interest in HIV/AIDS research, with a convincing Research Topic in HIV/AIDS basic sciences, education research, implementation sciences and/or socio-behavioral sciences. Secondary data analysis, including own data, is encouraged.

4. Other required qualities

- (i) The applicant must be creative, hard-working, with good communication skills, and with genuine interest to pursue inter-professional collaborative research.
- (ii) Should be able to organize and work as a member of a team.

5. Documents required for application

- (i) Duly filled Application Form (Appended).
- (ii) Statement of Personal Motivation.
- (iii) Research topic.
- (iv) Certified copies of degree certificates and academic transcripts.
- (v) Up to date Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Complete applications should be submitted to

1. MUHAS – Dr. Emmanuel Balandya
2. KCMUCo – Prof. Kien Mteta
3. CUHAS – Prof. Stephen Mshana

The **deadline** for submission of applications will be at the closing office of **November 30th, 2018**.