



Strengthening Doctoral Education for Health in Tanzania (DOCEHTA) Project

Call for application into funded PhD Scholarship for Doctoral Work Focusing on Education in the Health Sciences

Opening date:	11 July 2022
Closing date:	4 August 2022 1600 Hours, EAT
Research area:	Education in Health Sciences
Eligible applicants:	Tanzania Citizens
Duration of the scholarship:	3 years

BACKGROUND

The Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), the University of Dodoma (UDOM) in Tanzania and the University of Oslo (UiO) in Norway have received funding from the Norwegian Programme for Capacity Development in Higher Education and Research for Development (NORHED) to implement a project entitled " *Strengthening Doctoral Education for Health in Tanzania (DOCEHTA)*". The project's broad objective is to contribute to good health equitably distributed among people in Tanzania through strengthened quality of doctoral education in the health sciences with a view to improve health-related research as well as the quality and capacity of education of human resources for health.

This project intends to recruit and support the training of **ONE** 3-year doctoral scholar to pursue studies on the research area: **EDUCATION IN HEALTH SCIENCES**.

The project is interested in supporting research that examines various aspects of training of and/or learning among doctoral students in one or more fields such as medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health, etc. Studies can apply either qualitative, quantitative or mixed methods approaches.

Examples of possible research topics could be:

- The experiences of pursuing a PhD in the health sciences
- The experiences of exchange stays abroad among doctoral students
- The role of supervision in doctoral education
- The role of curricula in doctoral education in the health sciences

- The curriculum of medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health programmes in Tanzania and related challenges
- Testing novel approaches to improve the quality of teaching and learning in Higher Learning Institutions for health science programmes
- Bridging the gap between theory and clinical practice: explore learners and supervisors experiences, perspectives and opportunities
- Explore missed opportunities and measures thereof to equip today's health science graduates with the right basic skills and competencies essential in meeting the demands of the contemporary health sector market and development agenda.
- Assessment of quality and implementation of health related curriculums
- Assessment of teaching and learning environment in health sciences training

The list above only contains examples, and applicants are very welcome to propose other research topics of relevance for PhD education in the health sciences.

A successful PhD scholar will benefit from:

- Provision of strong, interdisciplinary, and longitudinal supervision and mentorship
- Instruction in research methodology that is individualized to the learner and pertinent to the area of focus listed above
- Opportunities to pursue courses at all the three collaborating institutions, and
- Guidance in career development to support short and long-term career goals and to promote a transition to academic independence.

The selected candidate will be enrolled at the **Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS)** and is expected to adhere to the guidelines for successful completion of the degree program as set forth by the PhD program at MUHAS.

Besides payment of university fees and receiving research funds, from the DOCEHTA project, successful applicant will receive a competitive stipend, laptop, and book allowance. Support for travel and lodging costs for conferences and coursework will also be provided.

ELIGIBILITY

- Hold a **Master's degree of education, Master of Science in Medical/Health/Nursing education** from a recognized higher learning institution (as per the Tanzania Commission for Universities) with minimum GPA of 3.0 or B grade.
- Meet other criteria for acceptance into the PhD programme at MUHAS.
- Demonstrated fluency in both spoken and written English.
- Prior research or practice experience in any of the above-listed project focus areas is preferred, but not required.
- Women applicants shall be given priority.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All interested individuals should submit the following information to and before the set deadline indicated below.

1. **Application cover letter.** This letter should include your name, position, institution, email, telephone number, and a short statement summarizing your intent to apply to the PhD program.
2. Updated **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**.
3. Certified copies of academic transcripts and certificates (O-level, A-level, Bachelor, Master).
4. **Two letters of recommendation.** The letters should include telephone numbers, addresses and e-mail addresses of the referees. At least one letter of support must be from a senior faculty member from your previous university education (former head of department, supervisor, or mentor) who can attest to your academic aptitude outlining your career and research goals and how the training program will assist you achieve the goals.
5. **Research concept note (4 pages maximum).** The concept note should describe a proposed topic of research you would like to explore during your doctoral work. This concept note is not binding but it should outline your research interests which should be aligned with thematic area as described above. Please structure the research concept note to include; the background, aims/research questions, proposed research methods, and resources and training which will be necessary to complete this research.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINE

Applications containing the required documents must be submitted to dpgs@muhas.ac.tz, copied to sharifakamby01@gmail.com, by close of business on **Thursday 4th August, 2022**.

For more inquiries, please contact Dr. Emmy Metta (emetta2000@gmail.com) during working hours.