



## **Call for application for a Postdoctoral Research Fellow under Sugira Muryango Longitudinal & Spillover Study Project**

### **Background**

The University of Rwanda (UR) Center for Mental Health (CMH) at the College of Medicine and Health Sciences (CMHS), in collaboration with Boston College, USA, received funding from ELMA Philanthropies to conduct a study entitled “Sugira Muryango Longitudinal & Spillover Study”.

### **Role and description**

The study goal is to investigate the long-term effects of “Sugira Muryango”, a father-engaged, play-based home-visiting intervention for Rwandan families living in extreme poverty. The study also aims to engage a Rwandan Postdoctoral Research Fellow to utilize their expertise and build their capacity to conduct longitudinal research related to child development and family mental health. This research project will contribute to knowledge about how early, family-focused interventions impact children in the long-term, providing a basis for future investment in early childhood development and family strengthening. This research project is aligned with the Government of Rwanda’s ECD Policy, which aims to advance children’s physical, cognitive, language, social, emotional and psychological development; and with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3, “Good health and wellbeing”.

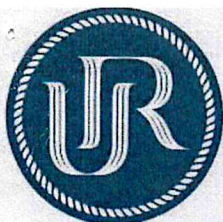
### **Call for applications**

Under the project management of the University of Rwanda’s Single Project Implementation Unit (UR-SPIU) we call for applicants for a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship. The researcher should hold a doctoral degree (PhD) in a related field, such as Public Health, Psychology, Social Work, Education, Applied Statistics, or similar. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

### **Funding**

The research program is funded by Boston College Subaward 51114221-1 from ELMA Philanthropies. The postdoctoral fellow will receive a salary of US\$2,000 per month (gross). In addition, the researcher will be allowed and supported to attend conference at least once a year.





### **Application requirements**

The applicant must:

- Be of Rwandan nationality
- Hold a PhD in Public Health, Psychology, Social Work, Education, Applied Statistics, or similar field.
- Have strong ability in use of advanced statistical programming, such as STATA, R, MAXQDA, and/or other applicable quantitative and qualitative data analysis platforms
- Have excellent organizational skills and attention to detail
- Be a self-starter with experience taking initiative and working both independently and as team.
- Have excellent verbal and written communication skills in English and Kinyarwanda

In addition, the following qualifications are preferred (but not required):

- Training in psychometrics
- Experience with data management and multiple imputation to address missing data
- Publication record that demonstrates candidate's capacities

### **Application file**

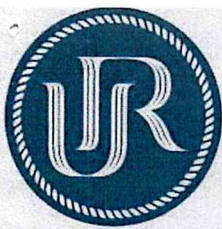
Interested candidates should submit the following documents:

- An application letter addressed to the Principal Investigator (PI) for the position which addresses how your experiences and skills make you an excellent candidate for this position.
- A current CV which includes a description of current research interests
- Copy of National Identity and/or passport
- A certified copy of degrees obtained (BSc, MSc, PhD)
- Two recommendation letters from academic senior staffs,
- A brief description of the understanding of the offer and plans if selected

### **Selection methodology**

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview on dates that will be communicated through emails.





### **How to apply**

Submit a complete application file (see list of documents above in section VI) to the UR-CPGS officer at [ur-cpgscholarship@ur.ac.rw](mailto:ur-cpgscholarship@ur.ac.rw), with a copy sent to the Principal Investigator, Prof. Vincent Sezibera ([vsezibera@gmail.com](mailto:vsezibera@gmail.com)) and the Program Manager, Jess Littman ([jess.littman@bc.edu](mailto:jess.littman@bc.edu)).

Note: A candidate should submit only one application

*Application should be submitted not later than 21 November 2022.*

Done at Kigali 26 October 2022

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