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**Call for application for a Student Intern under Sugira Muryango Longitudinal & Spillover Study Project**

**I. 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”.

**II. 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 train a Rwandan undergraduate student build their capacity to conduct 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”.

**III. 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 Student Intern. The student must be enrolled at the University of Rwanda in a Bachelor’s program in a related field, such as Public Health, Psychology, Social Work, Education, Applied Statistics, or similar. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

**IV. Funding**

The research program is funded by ELMA Philanthropies.

**V. Application requirements**

The applicant must:

- Be of Rwandan nationality
- Be enrolled in undergraduate studies at the University of Rwanda in Public Health, Psychology, Social Work, Education, Applied Statistics, or similar field
- Have experience with quantitative and/or qualitative data collection and/or analysis
- Have an interest in family strengthening and child or caregiver mental health
- 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

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## VI. Application file

Interested candidates should submit the following documents:

- An application letter 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
- Contact information for two academic or professional references (we will notify you before contacting your referees)

## VII. Selection methodology

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

## VIII. How to apply

Submit a complete application file (see list of documents above in section VI) to the link <https://bit.ly/SUGIRA2023> before 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2022

*For further questions or clarifications, please email to [cmh.cmhs@ur.ac.rw](mailto:cmh.cmhs@ur.ac.rw)*

Note: A candidate should submit only one application

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