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**OFFICE OF THE COORDINATOR**

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE POSITION OF RESEARCH ASSISTANT  
UNDER FA5-RWANDA PROJECT**

**BACKGROUND**

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is currently recognized as an emerging global public health threat that requires urgent and strong evidence-based control measures. AMR burden is driven by inappropriate use of and uncontrolled access to antibiotics, weak regulation and oversight, and poor clinical diagnostic capacity. Moreover, lack of reliable data on prevalence and resistance of the most common pathogens have led to increased (and indiscriminate) use of second- and third generation antibiotics at primary care centres, particularly in Rwanda. Thus, there is a need for continuous and unbiased surveying of pathogens and their antibiotic resistance profile, essential to reinforce evidence-based treatment.

Under collaborative project framework between the University Teaching Hospital of Kigali (CHUK) through University of Rwanda (UR), Rwanda Biomedical Centre (RBC) and the Institute of Tropical Medicine (ITM), Antwerp, Belgium, we intend to strengthen the current AMR surveillance system, and build an adapted antibiotic stewardship (AMS) program. Under this framework, the University of Rwanda is offering a full-time position for one research assistant who will be working for collaborative program, particularly ensuring better coordination of AMR/AMS activities. The employee will be based at the CHUK and should be ready to start by October 2022.

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT (1 POSITION)**

**Main duties and responsibilities**

- Ensure coordination and implementation of AMR/AMS activities at CHUK and UR/single project implementation unit (SPIU)
- Ensure coaching and supervision of AMS to staff and students involved in health care provision, particularly working in services connected with AMS program

- Perform continuous evaluation/research related to AMS program implemented in collaboration with CHUK, UR, RBC and ITM
- Close collaboration with partners for good implementation of AMS at CHUK-, national- and regional levels.
- Write and/or contribute to AMR/AMS program related scientific publications in recognised journals.
- Participate in relevant AMR and AMS service delivery activities on regular basis
- The candidate should be willing to perform research in preparation of obtaining a PhD degree. For that, a separate competence evaluation will be done throughout program implementation. If the candidate is successfully evaluated, he/she will design a PhD research protocol within the scope and needs of the AMR/AMS program.
- Perform other duties assigned by the supervisor within the technical scope of the position

### **Required qualifications and experience**

- Hold a master's in medicine, biomedical sciences, medical/clinical microbiology, infectious diseases and other biomedical programs with experience in field of microbiology and antimicrobial resistance
- Have a strong interest in AMR and AMS program. Experience in microbiology laboratory, particularly drug susceptibility testing and interpretation is considered an asset.
- Being quality-oriented, conscientious, creative and cooperative.
- Have strong motivation to submit a PhD proposal for scholarship funding
- Have good organization, communication skills, and flexible to work extra-time if needed.
- Being fluent in academic English (speaking and writing). Knowledge of French is an asset
- Ability to translate technical content and results into formats suitable for various audiences
- Having at least one publication related to infectious diseases in peer-reviewed journal is an added value.
- Being Rwandan

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

Interested and qualified candidates should submit their applications online to the link: <https://forms.gle/FvbZ4XL6DnDaVvrM7> and attach all required documents. You must login to your Google account for you to access the application link above. Documents required are:

1. Application letter in English addressed to UR-SPIU Coordinator
2. A detailed Curriculum Vitae
3. A Copies of academic degree
4. A Copies of proof of previous relevant experience and list of publications, if any (as one document)

**The deadline for submission of the application is set on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022.** Only shortlisted candidates will be required to sit for written test.

Done at Kigali on 06<sup>th</sup> September 2022

  
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