

**Field Research: Muhimbili University of Health Sciences
(MUHAS)
Research Assistant, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**

Muhimbili University of Health Sciences (MUHAS) is a leader in training, research, and services in health and related fields in Tanzania. The Global Health Office and Dalhousie School of Nursing will work with MUHAS to identify research projects on which global health graduate students will work, as Outgoing Scholars. Dalhousie students will benefit from having the opportunity to put their professional training to work in a developing country setting. While in Tanzania, students will be provided with academic and professional support from host supervisors at MUHAS.

Research Objectives

- ✓ To provide research support to MUHAS School of Nursing, for a minimum of three months
- ✓ To create awareness amongst participating students about Tanzania and community based models of health care delivery and service provision
- ✓ To familiarize participants with the University and health systems and policy in Tanzania
- ✓ To support participating students in developing skills required for careers in global health

Areas of responsibility

- ✓ To assist in program implementation. Activities may include:
 - Research and collects data through complex techniques and procedures, library research, structured interviews or other project specific methodology.
 - Interprets, synthesizes and analyzes data.
 - Schedules, organizes and reports on status of research activities.
 - Plans and modifies research techniques, procedures, tests, equipment or software management.
 - Writes and edits materials for publication and presentation.
 - Meets with faculty supervisor on regular basis to maintain ongoing communication regarding the quality of the assistant's performance.
 - Other research related duties as assigned by supervisor
- ✓ To support operational research activities, as needed

Qualifications

- ✓ Graduate level students in nursing or community health and epidemiology programs (or other relevant field)
- ✓ Experience working in limited resource settings
- ✓ Good writing skills
- ✓ Ability to work with Endnote and SPSS and other statistical packages
- ✓ Proficiency with literature searches on PubMed and preferably other databases
- ✓ Tact and ability to work with people of different technical and cultural backgrounds
- ✓ Proficiency with email, web and MS Office software (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- ✓ Fluency in English
- ✓ Ability to use Respondent Driven Sampling Tools will be an added advantage

The specific activities and project(s) will be agreed with the research assistant and will depend on period set for the research, its duration, as well as the skills and interest of the incumbent and evolution of the needs.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants who meet all of the following conditions may apply:

- Applicant must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada
- Applicant must be under the age of 35 years
- Applicants must be enrolled in graduate level program at Dalhousie University (preference will be given to nursing students)
- Applicants must be in Good Academic standing as defined by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and have demonstrated academic excellence
- Applicants must hold an individual passport with at least two blank pages and a minimum of 8 months validity from the date of arrival into Tanzania

Dates

May – August, 2017 (TBD)

(Research assistants are required to stay in country for a minimum of 90 days)

Funding

Successful applicants will be awarded a total of **\$6,000**, as a contribution to the costs of travel, accommodation and daily living expenses associated with his/her placement.

PLEASE NOTE: Before you apply you should consider whether field research in a foreign country is right for you. Working in a limited resourced country requires that you are willing to adapt to a new culture. The living and working conditions that you are used to at home may not be duplicated in your host institution and country. Similarly, you must be comfortable with unfamiliar food, social conventions, and physical environment. Health services will be available, but might not be up to standards to which you are accustomed.

To apply:

Please submit a cover letter, resume and personal statement to:

Said Msabaha, Program Manager

Global Health Office

Dalhousie University

5849 University Avenue

Clinical Research Centre, C-241

PO Box 15000

Halifax, NS B3H 4R2

Canada

Your application package must include:

- a) Evidence of suitable academic background and preparation
- b) Evidence of cross-cultural communication skills
- c) A personal statement outlining reasons for wanting to participate, awareness of the risks and challenges, and a plan for addressing those challenges
- d) References

Application deadline: January 27, 2019

Please contact gho@dal.ca for more information