

## CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH AND ALLIED SCIENCES (CUHAS-Bugando)

Research Assistants: Short Term Position for Baseline Data Collection

**Position Type:** Temporary.

Focus: Baseline survey and geographical mapping of HIV/AIDS status in the communities living

in the Islands of Lake Victoria

**Positions Available: 12** 

Where: Lake Victoria Island in Muleba, Chato and Buchosa Districts

CUHAS-Bugando in collaboration with Africa Inland Church Geita are planning to conduct a community based survey determine HIV/AIDS curative and preventive need assessment among fishfolk. The proposed pilot research study seeks to determine HIV prevalence, HIV/AIDS services uptake and the associated barriers and factors related to transmission of HIV/ADS Infection among fishing populations in Islands of Muleba, Chato and Buchosa.

**Terms of Reference:** CUHAS is conducting a Household Island based survey and is seeking Research Assistants (RAs) to join the research team to conduct interviews in rural areas. The hiring process will consist of a personal interview with a selection committee. Eligible and selected applicants will be invited to attend a pre-survey training. The data collection will begin on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for an estimated one week time.

## **Oualifications:**

- Must have a bachelor's degree from a formally recognized university. Diploma holders with at least one-year field research experience may apply. Fourth and Third year Medical students Are also encouraged to apply
- Must have proficient computer skills including familiarity with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel and PowerPoint).
- Prior experience with data collection is an added asset
- Knowledge on qualitative data collection is an added asset
- Demonstrated accurate and efficient data entry using computers is considered an asset
- Must be physically fit and willing and able to walk long distances,
- Experience in working or living in islands will be considered as an added advantage
- Must be comfortable and willing to work in rural areas and be sensitive to the confidentiality and privacy of rural communities; prior experience working in rural areas is an asset
- Must be fluent in Swahili and English with excellent communication skills in both languages.
- Must be flexible and the candidate may be required to work long hours, holidays and weekends at times where necessary
- The candidate should bring all original documents including form four certificate for verification at the time of interview.

Candidates should include in their application, a contact information (day phone and email preferred) for two references, which may be academic or professional.

<u>How to apply</u>: Interested candidates should send their applications by email to the Research Office: <a href="mailto:publichealth.school@gmail.com">publichealth.school@gmail.com</a> also a copy to <a href="mailto:sngallaba@gmail.com">sngallaba@gmail.com</a> Please include a CV in your email which addresses each of the above qualifications.

Please note that, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Application closing date will be September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 10:00 am.