



Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences (CUHAS), owned by the Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC), provides training for over 3,000 students. CUHAS is currently running programmes in Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Master of Medicine (MMed), Master in Public Health (MPH), Master of Science in Pediatric Nursing (M.Sc.PN), Master of Science in Clinical Microbiology and Molecular Biology (M.Sc. CMMB), Doctor of Medicine (MD), Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm), Bachelor of Science in Nursing Education (B.Sc.NED), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.Sc.N), Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences (BMLS), Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging and Radiotherapy (B.Sc. MIR), Diploma in Pharmaceutical Sciences (DPS), Diploma in Medical Laboratory Sciences (DMLS) and Diploma in Diagnostic Radiography (DDR).

The project **“Amplifying the Voices of People Affected by Neglected Tropical Diseases to Accelerate Control and Elimination Efforts in Africa”** seeks to address critical gaps in current NTD control strategies by focusing on individuals with **chronic and debilitating** disease manifestations of NTDs, who are most often overlooked. In Tanzania, this project is implemented by the Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences (CUHAS) in collaboration with the University of Zimbabwe and the Institute of Immunology and Infection Research at the University of Edinburgh.

The Aims of the Project are:

- (a) To understand the institutional and structural contexts in successful African countries that have agency and advocacy coalitions that collate and amplify the voices of people with lived experience of NTDS and other diseases to inform strategies for effectively delivering healthcare to them.
- (b) To collate information on the current failures/gaps of/in NTD control plans for managing chronic NTD conditions.
- (c) Determining the strategies for delivering NTD treatments to the elderly who are neither in school nor using health centres routinely, learning from other programs that deliver for HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Cancer Care.

In the context of Intestinal Schistosomiasis, national control Programmes largely prioritize preventive chemotherapy among school-aged children, leaving those living with chronic and debilitating complications, particularly hepatosplenic schistosomiasis in the adult population, systematically neglected. This project will be implemented in Ukerewe District, a highly endemic district for schistosomiasis in the Mwanza region, for a duration of one year. CUHAS, in collaboration with the Affected

Voice Project, is looking for highly qualified and motivated persons to fill the following position/vacancy.

Project Research Assistant (1 Post)

Report to Principal Investigator

Location: Mwanza

Essential characteristics: Ideal candidates must have the following qualifications and experience:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing from a recognized University or Institution
- Ability to work independently and as a team player
- Substantial field-work experience, including long-term day-to-day management of large field teams
- Familiarity with parasitological diagnostics, including copro-microscopic methods
- Experience and demonstrated expertise in the analysis of large epidemiological datasets, including data management and proven strong ability to use the statistical package Stata for these purposes
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, including the ability to write clearly and succinctly for a range of audiences, including academic publications
- Proven ability to organize work effectively to deadlines and exercise initiative and sound judgment in carrying out and managing research tasks, including identifying and managing problems which may affect the achievement of research objectives
- Fluent in written and spoken English and Swahili
- Two-three years' experiences of coordinating and implementing community-based research works and interventions is an added advantage.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Conduct day-to-day administration of the research project and participate in team meetings and team activities
- Weekly plan duties, including prioritization of duties, communication of the plan to the PI and the rest of the team, and ensure the plan is followed and tasks are completed
- Prepare study material, data collection tools and strategies for data management, including the development of standard operating procedures
- Oversee quality control
- Prepare budgets and associated justifications. (Confirm accuracy and completeness of budgeted costs).
- Coordinate and oversee data entry and collection, including parasitology and ultrasound data.
- Liaise with the district, ward and village partners
- Liaise with partners in the community sensitization and dissemination of findings
- Work in close collaboration with all members of the project team and the wider research group on other aspects of the research programme as required

- Supervise students attached to the project
- Perform other duties as assigned by the PI

Applications

- All applicants have to be Citizens of Tanzania.
- Application must be typed in English.
- All application letters must be accompanied with detailed and current Curriculum Vitae, all relevant certificates and full transcripts. **For applicants who have studied outside Tanzania, a certificate of recognition by TCU must be attached.**
- Names and valid addresses (and phone numbers or emails) of 3 credible referees must be provided.
- **For applicants sending their applications through email, all documents must be attached as one PDF document.**
- The deadline is **Friday, 30th January, 2026**
- Applications must be addressed and sent to:

**VICE CHANCELLOR,
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH AND ALLIED SCIENCES (CUHAS),
P.O. BOX 1464,
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Or E-Mail to: recruitment@cuhas.ac.tz