



ZELS PROJECT



University
of Glasgow

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Field Assistant (1 Post)

The Nelson Mandela Africa Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST) wishes to announce the position of a Field Assistant to support a number of collaborative research projects investigating infectious diseases that can be transmitted from wild or domesticated animals to people (zoonoses).

The advertised position will contribute to a broad programme of work being conducted under the “Investigating the social, economic and environmental drivers of zoonoses in Tanzania” (SEEDZ) project. This project is funded through the UK’s Department for International Development (DfID) and Research Councils UK (RCUK) through the Zoonosis in Emerging Livestock Systems (ZELS) programme.

Seeking Research Assistant with social science and biological field research experience and data management to work on a multi-disciplinary study on Zoonosis and Emerging Livestock Systems (ZELS) project.

(a) Duty station:

The recruited person will be expected to spend extended periods in the field in Arusha and Manyara regions.

(b) Main Duties and Responsibilities:

The recruited person will be expected to spend extended periods in the field in Arusha and Manyara regions, and will assist with the collection of quantitative and qualitative data regarding human and animal health, animal management, and animal movement.

Field duties entail return trips to SEEDZ sites to complete collection of social science data (surveys, interviews, focus group discussions of SEEDZ protocols) in pastoralist communities, agro-pastoral and peri-urban settings. Data management duties include transcription and translation of interviews conducted by field researchers from Maa and Swahili into English; data entry into SEEDZ social science systems; and review of

cultural themes arising from Maasai traditions. Included in scope of work is ability to organize data collection, facilitate communication between researchers and communities, think independently, and be a part of a team. Critical to this is ability to translate from Maasai and Swahili languages to English.

The position entails, but is not limited to the following duties and responsibilities:

- Transcription of data from SEEDZ field activities from Maasai and Swahili into English
- Data entry using in-place SEEDZ social science protocols
- Having familiarity with research communities, data collected, surveys, interviews, and focus groups already conducted
- Conducting questionnaires and interviews with study participants in Kiswahili and Maasai
- Liaising with NMAIST-based supervisors and project coordinators
- Providing assistance with organizing field trips and follow up work
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(c) Required Skills

- Fluency in English and native speaker of Maasai language.
- Skills in transcription of interviews and translation from Maasai to English
- First degree
- Knowledge of Maasai customs, history, culture.
- Field experience working on human health related zoonoses research
- Practical and logistical knowledge of pastoralist areas, especially in Arusha & Manyara Regions (Monduli & Simanjiro Districts highly preferred).
- Must have prior experience as part of a research team;

(d) Required Qualification

- University degree

(e) Nature of Employment:

Six (6) month renewable contract, anticipated start date is June 2017

(f) Salary

- USD \$600 per month

(g) Mode of application

All applicants are required to submit their applications including the following:

- Cover letter.
- Curriculum Vitae.
- Certified photocopies of relevant certificates and academic transcripts.
- Names and contact details of at least two referees.
- Contact details: telephone, e-mail and postal addresses.
- Individuals currently employed in the Public Service should route their applications through their employers.

Closing date for receipt of applications:

18th May 2017

All applications should be addressed to:

Both hard or soft copies of the application letter with detailed curriculum vitae (CV) and copies of relevant certificates should be addressed to ZELS Project Administrator and reach us on or before Candidates must also give names, contact addresses as well as telephone numbers of two referees.

ZELS Project Administrator

The Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST)

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Please also send an electronic copy of application to: dassa.nkini@nm-aist.ac.tz