Innovation in HIV prevention research

**Research Training Opportunity Application Form**

**Norfolk, Virginia, United States**

CONRAD, in partnership with the University of Zimbabwe College of Health Sciences Clinical Trials Research Centre, invites young investigators in HIV prevention research to apply for an exciting international research training opportunity.

Applications are open to those with a wide range of research backgrounds.

**Training opportunity**

1 month fellowship in the United States at Eastern Virginia Medical School (Norfolk, VA) in February 2020 for two candidates.

**Overview**

Two successful candidates will be selected to travel to the United States for one month, for an in-depth training fellowship focusing on cutting edge research techniques. Research training will concentrate on new laboratory endpoints recently incorporated into Phase I clinical studies, as well as analysis and interpretation of data. Candidates will also have the opportunity to participate on topics such as phenotypic identification of HIV target cells, quantification of biomarkers of CV inflammation, rapid assessment of vaginal microbiome, new biomarkers of adherence, mucosal PK sampling, research methodology, and scientific writing. All travel and accommodation costs (per diem and lodging) will be covered for the duration of the fellowship.

**Applicant Criteria**

* Master’s level graduate (extensive research experience may be considered in lieu of a degree)
* Minimum two years’ experience in HIV-related research
* African citizenship/nationality, with current passport

**Application Components**

* Applicant information form
* Essay question
* Applicant CV
* Letter of reference from University or employer, on official letterhead and signed by institutional authority

**Application Submission**

* Applicants should read through the application form carefully before completing it.
* Interested candidates should complete the Application form, a7ind upload their CV and letter of reference to the email below.
* Application must be completed in full, within word limits, and in English
* For any questions about the application, please email hivworkshopsecretariat@uzchs-ctrc.org

**Application deadline is: Thursday 31 October 2019 at 23:59 CAT**

**Process**

* Only one application form should be submitted per person
* Interested candidates should submit all components of the application (see below) to hivworkshopsecretariat@uzchs-ctrc.org
* Incomplete applications will not be considered.
* Applicants will be selected by committee.
* Outcome of the applications will be provided by 30 November 2019.
1. Applicant Information

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| Personal Details |
| Title |  |
| Surname |  |
| Full names |  |
| Gender  |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Nationality |  |
| Highest educational qualification |  |
| Postal Address |  |
| City |  |
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| Work Tel |  |
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1. Organisation Information

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| Name of Organisation |  |
| Address of Organisation |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Organisational website |  |
| Organisation’s Mission Statement (200 words max) |  |

1. Essay Questions

The following essay questions will help us get to know you better and get a better sense of what kind of research you would like to work on. Please answer the following questions clearly and concisely, and within the word limits. When describing your motivations or experience, please focus on details that expand on your CV.

Please tell us about yourself—what motivates you, and how you got involved in the work you do (Maximum 200 words)

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Please summarize the main tasks you undertake in your current role, and some highlights and/or challenges of your most recent work experience (Maximum 200 words)

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What are your future career goals, and how do you see this training opportunity helping to achieve your long-term goals? (Maximum 200 words)

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Why do you want to participate in the US training opportunity? Are there specific skills or research methodologies that you would be interested in learning more about? (Maximum 500 words)

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