

University of Zimbabwe - Clinical Trials Research Centre (UZ-CTRC)

VACANT POST - CLINICAL LABORATORY INTERFACE OFFICER (X1)

University of Zimbabwe - Clinical Trials Research Centre (UZ-CTRC) is seeking suitably trained, competent, talented, multi-task and qualified Clinical Laboratory Interface Officer to coordinate work in Masvingo. Position is based in Masvingo.

UZ-CTRC was established in 1994 and has conducted high impact observational studies, implementation studies and Phase I-IV clinical trials in HIV, TB, COVID - 19 and associated co-morbidities funded by National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, AIDS Malignancy Consortium, Bill, and Melinda Gates Foundation among others. UZ-CTRC has served as a center of excellence in the prevention and control of HIV and AIDS and have contributed to global understanding of HIV epidemiology and pathogenesis, global and Zimbabwean health policy, by providing scientific evidence through our highly equipped and resourced network of laboratories that operate in strict compliance with International best practices guided by GCLP and ISO 15189 standard.

UZ-CTRC is implementing a US Center for Disease Control and Prevention-US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (CDC-PEPFAR) funded Laboratory Systems Strengthening (LSS) program in Zimbabwe from 2023 to 2026 supporting the Ministry of Health and Child Care (MOHCC). The LSS program will enhance access to high quality testing towards achievement of the UNAIDS 95-95-95 goals.

Qualifications and Experience

- A degree in Medical Laboratory Sciences or equivalent is required.
- Certification in Medical Laboratory Quality Management System (ISO15189/SLMTA or equivalent.) is required.
- Knowledge in Laboratory Quality Improvement Initiatives required.
- Work experience in HIV Viral Load scale-up, EID and TB testing, Laboratory Systems Strengthening, Laboratory QMS and CLI implementation in related/similar setting is required.
- Registered with the Medical Laboratory & Clinical Scientists Council of Zimbabwe.
- At least 5 years' experience in similar role and settings is required.
- Experience with Laboratory diagnostics and processes is required.
- Work experience in MoHCC Medical Laboratories is an added advantage.
- Computer literacy is required.

Responsibilities

The Clinical Laboratory Interface (CLI) Officer for the project shall work closely with the mentors, scientists, IST staff and LIMS staff and shall report to the CLI Advisor. The CLI officer shall be responsible for:

- Optimal function of the interface between users of laboratory services and the Viral Load, and EID laboratories, through provision of clinical perspective.
- Utilize CQI methodologies to identify areas of improvement along the Viral Load/EID testing value chain, implement and monitor improvement interventions in-order to increase Viral Load/EID testing coverage.
- Work in collaboration with other stakeholders and partners to plan and facilitate periodic learning sessions as part of CLI implementation, ensuring implementation of lessons and actions resolved at the meeting.
- Ensuring CLI mentors and focal persons at clinics and laboratories are continuously accessing the relevant online CLI training as part of rollout of the CLI package. This will include managing the subscriptions of the online training.
- Conduct site visits, to select CLI sites to provide needed support and supervision, verify and ensure proper function of CLI activities.
- Implement cohort - based approaches in collaboration with clinic and laboratory teams in support of the VL program.
- Produce VL testing cascade graphics and related analytics based on the cohort approach.

To apply

Interested candidates should forward applications and detailed curriculum vitae to the below email address not later than Wednesday 20 March 2024: - applications@uz-ctrc.org.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Canvassing candidates will be disqualified.