



THE UNIVERSITY
of NORTH CAROLINA
at CHAPEL HILL



2018 Application for COLLEGE OF MEDICINE NCD BRITE Mentored Research and Internship Awards Applications due 28th of November, 2018

INTRODUCTION

The College of Medicine (CoM) of the University of Malawi, working with its partners, is implementing a capacity building grant under the title NCD-BRITE. The main focus is to build Malawi's research and programming capacity for selected non-communicable diseases. The CoM is now looking for suitable individuals to recruit to fill the vacancies for either a mentored fellow or a research intern.

DIRECTIONS:

Mentees or interns are required to submit a two-page motivational letter. Successful applicants are expected to spend a significant amount of time preparing this application which should demonstrate their understanding of non-communicable disease (NCDs) with a particular focus on cardiovascular disease, diabetes and asthma/COPD. Co-morbidities with communicable diseases or other non-communicable diseases will be considered.

Applicants must be Malawian Nationals.

- A. A minimum of a Bachelor's degree
- B. Email your complete application as a single PDF file to Mr Ernest Mokiwa (emokiwa@medcol.mw) and cc to the College of Medicine Research Training Coordinator (rsctrainingcoordination@medcol.mw).
- C. Your referees should email their letters of recommendation to the above addresses. The referee's letter should include a brief overview highlighting your preparedness to be involved in supervised or mentored research and/or programme work in NCDs.
- D. The internship sites: Blantyre and Mangochi

APPLICATION FORM

Please Complete:

Name: _____ Degrees Held: _____

Current Professional Title: _____

Current Department: _____

Current Institution: _____

Proposed Research Project Title or area of focus:

Previous experience in NCDs Programming Yes/ No (please circle the applicable answer) Further details: _____

Previous experience in NCDs Yes/ No (please circle the applicable answer)

Further details: _____

Names and degrees of persons providing letters of recommendation:

1. _____

2. _____

Are you currently supported by a research grant? (Yes/No)

If you are please write the title of the grant/s and your role in the grant/s: e.g. PI, Co-PI, Co-investigator, Study Coordinator

INSTRUCTIONS: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY (This section is only applicable if you have a research proposal)

1. Research Proposal (DO NOT EXCEED 2 pages, .5" margins, Arial 11 font)

It is expected that applicants review the proposed research design extensively with their primary mentor

- i. Specific Aims
- ii. Research Plan (overview)
 - a. Significance
 - b. Innovation
 - c. Approach
 - d. References (This is not part of the two-page limit)

2. Budget and Justification (\$10,000 limit, smaller amounts may be viewed favorably)

This should be broken down into the following major headings: personnel, equipment, supplies, transport. These funds should not be used to pay publication or conference travel fees.

3. Time line for your proposed scope of work. (This should be approximately 12 months).

4. Human Subjects (describe the IRB process and timeline for approval) (1-2 paragraphs)

5. Statement of career goals and how this study supports these goals (1 page single-spaced, .5" margins, Arial 11).

6. NIH Biosketch <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/index.htm#biosketch>

Please use the new format. Pay close attention to formatting. An ill-formatted biosketch reflects poorly on your application.

7. Two letters of recommendation emailed directly to Ernest Mokiwa (emokiwa@medcol.mw) and cc to the College of Medicine Research Training Coordinator (rsctrainingcoordination@medcol.mw). One should be from a primary mentor and the other can be from any professional or academic reference.

Further information on this initiative can be obtained via email from: amuula@medcol.mw