

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### Job Summary

**Position:** Research Officer (1 post)  
**Reports To:** Project Leader  
**Work Station:** Ifakara  
**Apply By:** September 30, 2022

### Institute Overview

**Ifakara Health Institute (IHI)** is a leading research organization in Africa with a strong track record in developing, testing and validating innovations for health. Driven by a core strategic mandate for research, training and services, the Institute's work now spans a wide spectrum, covering biomedical and ecological sciences, intervention studies, health-systems research, service delivery and policy translation.

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Ifakara Health Institute is looking for a qualified and experienced individual to work as a **Research Officer**. An ideal candidate should have essential molecular knowledge to support the Deep Oncho project in conducting laboratory tests and analysis. The officer will be required to conduct specialized high throughput techniques and routine laboratory activities plus Mid-infrared spectroscopy.

### Duties and Responsibilities

- Ensure all data and samples collected from experiments are properly recorded, stored and meet the standards for laboratory tests.
- Participate in the design and evaluation of new laboratory techniques.
- Perform routine and experimental molecular and parasitological tests and other laboratory analysis.
- Supervise and train volunteers within the project(s) new techniques introduced in the laboratory.
- Develop and review laboratory standard operating procedures (SOPs) for onchocerca volvulus detection.
- Implement quality control procedures and ensure ethical guidelines are met in the running of the project(s) laboratory related activities.
- Learn and use Mid-infrared spectrometer.
- Conduct any other duties as may be assigned by the Project Leader.

### Qualification and Experience

- Degree in Medical Laboratory or Molecular Biology or Biochemistry.
- At least have prior working experience in molecular and parasitology department.
- Knowledge of laboratory safety.
- Capability to use Polymerase chain reaction machine will be an added advantage.

### Skills and Competencies

- Computer skills, laboratory safety issues and capable of using PCR machines.

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- Team working skills, self-motivated and highly focused.
- Adhere to IHI core values (Transparency, Responsibility, Integrity, Respect, and Initiative).

### Remuneration

An attractive and competitive remuneration package will be offered to successful candidates as per IHI salary scales.

### Equal Opportunity

IHI is an equal opportunity employer. We prohibit intentional biases or discrimination and harassment of any kind at the work place and during recruitment. All employment decisions are based solely on job requirements and individual qualifications, and our recruitment process is governed by the labour laws of Tanzania.

### Mode of Application

All candidates who meet the above job requirements should send their application letters together with their detailed curriculum vitae (CVs) showing contact addresses including email, telephone/cell phone numbers and copies of academic and professional certificates to the email address below.

The **deadline** for this application is **17:00hrs on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 2022**. All e-mail application subject lines should include: **RESEARCH OFFICER – DEEP ONCHO. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted for an interview.**

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