

Call for Applications

HIV Implementation Science Research Fellowships **August 2021 – April 2022**

The **Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (Harvard Chan)**, in partnership with **Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Science (MUHAS)** and the **Africa Academy for Public Health (AAPH)**, offers a limited number of postdoctoral research training fellowships at Harvard Chan to Tanzanian public health researchers, physician scientists, and other health professionals. Supported by the Fogarty International Center at the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH), the **HIV Implementation Science (HIS) Research Training Program** aims to develop a cadre of public health researchers in Tanzania prepared to lead research and scientific projects in implementation science, impact evaluation, and health system research for HIV treatment and nutrition interventions.

Postdoctoral Fellowship Description

Postdoctoral researchers are offered mentored training opportunities to work with faculty mentors from Harvard and MUHAS to advance research and develop skills in the area of HIV implementation science. Training will have two components: six weeks of training at Harvard Chan in Boston, Massachusetts, United States and the remaining time at the trainee's home institution in Tanzania to advance their research in HIV implementation science. To support necessary research costs, trainees will have access to \$15,000 of research funds.

Training Period

The period of training for the HIS fellowship is August 2021-April 2022. It is expected that trainees will travel to Harvard Chan for approximately six weeks of training and return to Tanzania to advance their research. ***Travel to the US is subject to change given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and is dependent on current Harvard and US government travel policies.***

Package

A limited number of awards will be made to provide accepted trainees with:

- Roundtrip economy class airfare between Tanzania and Boston (depending on current Harvard and US travel policies)
- Basic health insurance while in Boston
- A stipend, less applicable taxes, to cover lodging, food, transportation, books, and other living expenses while in Boston
- Access to \$15,000 for research funds upon return to Tanzania

Applicant Qualifications

Candidates for postdoctoral training are junior faculty and advanced researchers working at Tanzanian research institutions, including MUHAS, AAPH, the University of Dodoma, Ifakara Health Institute, or Management Development for Health. Trainees must have a PhD, MD, or

related advanced degree. Preference will be given to candidates who have received their PhD or are enrolled in a doctoral program. Successful candidates will have made a significant commitment to a research career with a focus on HIV implementation science, as demonstrated by previous strong engagement in this area.

Application Process

To apply for the HIS fellowship, please send the following documents to Tara Young at tyoung@hsph.harvard.edu by **June 18, 2021**:

1. Statement of interest describing your previous research experience in HIV implementation science, your research interests, and how this opportunity will contribute to your research career (<800 words)
2. Research proposal, including the following information (<1,000 words):
 - a. Research title
 - b. Specific aims
 - c. Research plan
 - i. Significance
 - ii. Innovation
 - iii. Approach/methods
 - iv. Analysis plan
 - d. Ethical approval plan (<500 words)
 - e. Research timeline (<500 words)
 - f. Mentorship plan: frequency of mentor meetings, goals, etc. (<500 words)
 - g. Budget for \$15,000 of research funds (<500 words)
3. Curriculum vitae (CV)
4. Two letters of recommendation

Applications are due by June 18, 2021.

Decisions for the fellowship program will be made by a selection committee, and applicants will be notified of their decision directly.