BUILDING CAPACITY FOR GLOBAL INFECTIOUS DISEASE RESEARCH TRAINING IN SCHISTOSOMIASIS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR CRITICAL APPRAISAL AND SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS IN SCHISTOSOMIASIS COURSE SCHEDULED FOR 14-19 DECEMBER 2026

Makerere University College of Health Sciences (MakCHS), in collaboration with the NIH-funded Uganda Schistosomiasis Multidisciplinary Research Center at the Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI), Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST), and the Ministry of Health's Division of Vector-Borne and Neglected Tropical Diseases, has received funding from the National Institutes of Health Fogarty International Center to implement a schistosomiasis research training and career development program in Uganda.
The goal of this five-year program is to strengthen Uganda's capacity for advanced research training in schistosomiasis prevention, treatment and control.

The program is soliciting for applications for a 5-day course on critical appraisal and systematic reviews in Schistosomiasis course scheduled for 14-19th December 2026
Overall course goal: To strengthen the capacity of researchers, clinicians, public health professionals and academic trainees to critically appraise scientific literature, develop and implement scientifically rigorous systematic reviews, synthesize evidence and translate research findings into scientific manuscripts addressing important research questions in schistosomiasis. Hands-on mentorship will be provided to support each working group to develop the desired output of a well-structured systematic review manuscript, supported by a substantially developed protocol, documented search and study selection processes, extracted study data, risk-of-bias assessments, preliminary evidence synthesis, relevant tables and figures, and an agreed plan for completing the manuscript after the training

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Demonstrated interest in conducting research with a focus on schistosomiasis.
2. Ability to articulate a clear research problem related to schistosomiasis, including diagnostics, therapeutics, transmission, vaccine development, prevention and control.
3. Willingness to undertake and complete all training as mandated by the course with outputs
4. Commitment to publish research conducted under this training in open access peer reviewed journals
5. Female candidates are especially encouraged to apply

Application process: Please follow the link to apply:
https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/wue9X5iR

Application deadline 10th December 2026 23:00 East African Time
Successful applicants will be notified by 11th December 18:00 East African Time