

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR BSSR TRAINING SUPPORT

The Makerere University- Behavioral and Social Science Research (BSSR) in HIV Training Program, is a five-year project, funded by *National Institutes of Health (NIH)*, *National Institutes of Health on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)*, *National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)* and *Fogarty International Center (FIC)*. The major goal is to strengthen Behavioral Social Science scientific leadership and expertise in HIV research at Makerere University in order to address the evolving challenges in HIV care and prevention in Uganda.

The Program is soliciting applications for research training positions in the following categories;

1. **Masters training in the fields of;** Health Services Research, Public Health Sociology/Anthropology, Clinical Psychology and Psychiatry.
2. **Long-term BSSR Fellowship**

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This is a 1-2 year fellowship program consisting of a series of courses ranging from training in implementation science to advanced training in; (a) Social determinants of health with a focus on HIV; b) Social Theory, HIV and Health; c) Theories of Behavior Change and Practice; d) Research Methodology in the Social and Behavioral Sciences (includes mixed methods and qualitative research design, data collection and analysis). Scholars will be required to utilize the knowledge and skills acquired from the above mentioned courses to conduct a mentored HIV research project which **must** be published in an open access peer-reviewed journal.

During the training, fellows will be equipped with: skills in BSS research, scientific writing and presentation and mentored by experienced BSS researchers to develop fundable BSS grant proposals upon completion of the training.

Eligibility criteria:

- Having a Masters' degree in Sociology, Gender Studies, MSc. Clinical Psychology, M.A Counselling or any Biomedical / Health related field.
- A good research training and publication background in HIV related field.
- Must have a concept or near completed HIV-related research proposal with a BSSR component and willing to conduct a mentored research focused on HIV BSS.

Eligibility criteria:

1. Master's Degree

- Should be a masters' student of the following courses; Masters of Health Services Research (MHSR), Masters of Public Health (MPH), Masters of Arts in Sociology/ Anthropology, Masters in Gender Studies, MSc. Clinical Psychology, M.A Counselling, MSc. Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, M.A Organizational Psychology or any other Biomedical /Health related field at Makerere University.
- Should have completed at least one year of their masters training in the courses listed above.
- Must have a concept or near completed HIV-related research proposal with a BSSR component and willing to conduct a rigorously mentored dissertation project in this area as part of the training program.
- Demonstrated interest in HIV research, care and prevention and commitment to develop and maintain a productive career to BSSR in HIV.

NB: All trainees will be required to complete courses in; Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR), Protection of Human Research Participants (PHRP) and Good Clinical Practice (GCP) before conducting research involving human subjects.

For more information on the broad BSS HIV/AIDS Research priority areas and the BSSR experts you can consult for guidance as you develop your concept, follow the links below;

<http://chs.mak.ac.ug/news/strengthening-behavioural-social-science-research-capacity-hiv-care-and-prevention-uganda>

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Application letters should be accompanied by a detailed Curriculum Vita, copies of academic credentials, recommendation letters from two professional references or mentors in the same area of research, Personal Development Plan (Fellowship only), proof of admission at Makerere University (Master's) and a concept/ proposal of your proposed BSS HIV research project. The letters should be addressed to the Training Coordinator, Mak-BSSR Project and sent to bssr.chs@mak.ac.ug.

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS BEFORE

16th JULY, 2021

**Only short listed candidates will be contacted.*