

Project coordinator for *CAMPYLOBACTER GENOMICS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENTERIC DYSFUNCTION (CAGED)* sub project

Background

The University of Florida (UF, Gainesville, FL) has been selected as the Management Entity for the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems. The Livestock Systems Innovation Lab (LSIL) program works across three broad geographic regions: East Africa, West Africa, and Asia, in designated Feed the Future countries with the mission to sustainably intensify smallholder livestock systems through groundbreaking research, technology application, significant capacity building, and co-production of knowledge in order to improve human nutrition, health, and incomes.

The LSIL has been awarded a complementary grant to perform research on livestock systems in Sub-Saharan Africa. The subproject “*CAMPYLOBACTER GENOMICS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENTERIC DYSFUNCTION (CAGED)*” aims to test whether linear growth of young children will increase more when an intervention to improve young child growth (through increased egg intake and basic nutrition and WASH training) is combined with an intervention to improve gut health by reducing exposure to chicken excreta. This sub project is conducted in partnership with Haramaya University (HU, Dire Dawa, Ethiopia), Ohio State University (OSU, Columbus, OH), and Washington University (Wash U, St. Louis, MO). The research study is multidisciplinary, involving epidemiology, microbiology, pediatrics, and social sciences. Qualitative and quantitative methods will be used during the course of the study.

Employment opportunity

A full-time position is available for a

Job Profile

PROJECT COORDINATOR

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| Place of work: | Haramaya University, main campus (field work in Haramaya District) |
| Type of employment | Contract |
| Duration: | 1 year term – full time With option of renewal to four more years after the initial year based on performance Position is dependent on funding availability |

Duties and responsibilities

The project coordinator will be overseeing all aspects of the study implementation, including:

1. Liaise with and coordinate between HU and US based teams (including OSU OH office in Addis Ababa) about all aspects of research project implementation;
2. Plan and coordinate all research field work;
3. Participate in training of field teams, supervised by co-PIs;
4. Participate in field work, primarily in an oversight role;
5. Work with external partners to plan, launch, manage, implement activities and deliver expected project results;
6. Provide quality assurance of all field work;
7. Manage the lab, provide oversight of data entry and storage, and assure all project documentation is of high quality and stored in the assigned repository under respective data protection protocols;
8. Assure safety and ethical protocols are up to date and adhered to by research and project personnel;
9. Pro-actively identify opportunities and risks to the project, and develop contingency plans to mitigate potential risks or critical path delays manage and address project risks and issues, escalating high priority risks and issues to PIs with suggested solution
10. Coordinate the preparation of technical progress reports (quarterly, annual and ad hoc);
11. Maintain consistent and accurate status information, data, documentation an audit trail for each component of the projects;
12. Design and implement a standard communication protocol for keeping PIs, project teams and stakeholders informed on the progress
13. Perform miscellaneous job-related duties as assigned by PIs.

The project coordinator will primarily report to Dr. Jemal Yousuf, Co-PI of the project and Vice President for Research Affairs, Haramaya University and Dr. Arie Havelaar, the PI for the CAGED subproject, University of Florida. (S)he will also be accountable to other PIs in the project.

Qualifications

- A graduate degree in a discipline related to the project, such as veterinary sciences, medical sciences, rural development. Candidates must have at least two years of post-graduate experience, preferably in conducting field studies involving multidisciplinary teams, interview and sample-based data collection and data management using electronic systems.
- Candidates should have proven skills in oral and written communication in English and in Afan Oromo.
- Have experience in training of field workers, and minimum **four years' experience in program coordination and managing externally funded multinational projects.**
- Self-motivation, multitasking, and excellent interpersonal and facilitation skills are required.
- Candidates must also have a commitment to Haramaya University's core values of academic freedom, perseverance, good governance, respect for diversity, professionalism, collaborative spirit, fostering creativity/innovation, and respect for nature and environment.

Salary: 24,000 US \$ per annum

Application Procedure

Interested applicants can send their CV, copy of academic credentials, and a cover letter explaining their interest and motivation for the position, what they can bring to the job and the names and addresses (including telephone and email) of three referees who are knowledgeable about the candidate's professional qualifications and work experience by e-mail or in hard copy to the following address before December 08, 2017.

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Or

Email to Jemal Yousuf Hassen (PhD), Co-PI of the Project: E-mail: <jemaly2001@yahoo.com>. Please indicate "Project Coordinator" in the subject line of the email message.

Deadline: December 8, 2017