

Laboratory Specialist or Professional for *CAMPYLOBACTER GENOMICS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENTERIC DYSFUNCTION (CAGED)* 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, Ohio State University (OSU, Columbus, OH), and Washington University (WashU, 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

Laboratory Specialist or Laboratory Professional

Job Profile

Place of work: Haramaya University, main campus (field work in Haramaya District)

Type of employment: Contract

Duration: 6 month – full time

With option of renewal based on performance and funding availability for the second phase of the project, which will be executed in 2019-2020.

Duties and responsibilities

The successful candidates will be responsible for all aspects of Laboratory works, sample collection and analysis for the project, which includes collection of biological, animal and environmental samples for microbiological analysis, and an experimental protocol. He/ She will be provided training in and be required to adhere to all safety and ethical protocols of the project.

Qualifications

Laboratory Specialist or Laboratory Professionals

- Candidate should have at least degree in either of the following: Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine (DVM); Veterinary laboratory technology (VLT); Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc); MSC in Microbiology or MSc in VLT from recognized university with at least one years with proven Laboratory work and analysis experience.
- Well-versed or fast learning in Laboratory Standards, operational Procedures, and biological data collection and analysis.
- Candidates should have proven minimum skills in oral and written communication in English and in Afan Oromo.
- Willing to travel to rural Haramaya, when deemed necessary.
- Team spirit, self-motivation and excellent interpersonal and facilitation skills are required.
- Willing to work in the lab travel longer than normal working hours when found necessary
- 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.
- Female candidates are highly encouraged

Salary: 1,000 US \$ per/ month which is inclusive of all related tax and pension fees

Application Procedure

Interested applicants can submit their CV, copy of academic credentials, and a cover letter explaining their interest and motivation for the position, including telephone of three referees who are knowledgeable about the candidate's Laboratory professional qualifications and work experience to the following address before August 10, 2018.

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