



Research Assistant Job Description

Location: Kisumu

Salary: Commensurate with education and experience

Positions: (1)

Duration: 12 months

Description

The University of North Carolina (UNC), in collaboration with the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) and Matibabu Foundation, is recruiting experienced and highly motivated research assistant(s) to join the research team. Our work is focused on conducting high-quality clinical trials to establish the evidence for the effectiveness of self-administered therapies for cervical precancer treatment. The Research Assistant(s) will be responsible for a range of research tasks under the direction of the study coordinator, including recruitment and retention of study participants and day-to-day study activities.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Clinical Medicine, Nursing, Community Health, Sociology, or Social Work
- Diploma in clinical medicine, nursing, community health, sociology or social work with two years' experience

Duties and Responsibilities

- Engage and educate healthcare workers and the community on cervical cancer screening and prevention through facility mobilization, client health talks, and regular stakeholder communication.
- Conduct research study activities, including the recruitment, screening, enrollment, and consenting of research participants according to the study protocol and standard operating procedures.
- Collect, enter, and manage non-clinical research data in the REDCap study database.
- Perform high-quality study participant retention using varied mechanisms, identify threats to participant retention, and actively work to address them in collaboration with the research team.
- Conduct participant tracing through phone call reminders, short message service (SMS), and home tracking using locator information.
- Conduct in-depth interviews and focus-group discussions and perform high-quality transcription and translations of recorded interviews.
- Translate research documents, including informed consent forms
- Adhere to the principles of ethical research according to human subject review protocols
- Regularly communicate with the study investigators and study team, including weekly study recruitment and retention reporting
- Other duties as assigned by data management, Study coordinator, or Study Principal Investigators.

Prior Work Experience:

- At least two years relevant experience in research or clinical setting, preferably with significant counseling and social science department role
- Prior training or experience in sexual and reproductive health issues, including family planning and cervical cancer prevention is preferred
- Experience in conducting surveys, in-depth interviews, or focus groups is preferred
- Experience with tablet-based data collection, including using REDCap
- Experience with qualitative research data analysis an added advantage

Other Desirable Qualifications:

- Fluency in English, Kiswahili, and Luo required
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Excellent problem-solving skills and ability to work with others to address challenges

- Excellent social skills, including the ability to form a rapport with clients and other team members
- Ability to follow up on tasks and follow through on deadlines, with attention to detail
- Able to work well under minimal supervision
- Excellent interpersonal and organizational skills, including the ability to maintain frequent contact using phone calls, WhatsApp/SMS, email, and Zoom

Position is available immediately

Send a Cover letter, CV, and copies of academic certificates to elimination.lreb@gmail.com