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The MRC/UVRI & LSHTM Uganda Research Unit is an internationally recognized centre of excellence with research themes in the areas of HIV and emerging infections, vaccines and immunity, and chronic diseases and cancer. The Unit has a Disability Research Group which aims to further research on disability and inclusion of persons with disabilities in research.

Project

For the AHRC/UKRI funded project 'Disabled Youth investigates (DIY): a co-creative research collaboration', implemented together with the Child Health and Development Centre of Makerere University, the National Council for Persons with Disabilities, and THRU Zim Health Unit, we are seeking 6 young people with disabilities and 6 peers without disabilities to participate in a research training and internship program between June and November 2023. The DIY program aims to develop and implement youth-led African disability research, create employment opportunities for disabled youth in research, and encourage and facilitate youth-led knowledge sharing and awareness raising.

Internship description

The youth research interns will work with the DIY principal investigator and co-investigator, study coordinator, Disability Research Group team and implementing partner organizations. The interns will receive training in research methods and will participate in fieldwork activities, including seeking informed consent, collecting qualitative data, co-facilitating 2 participatory action workshops, and engaging in youth-led knowledge sharing.

The Unit aims to select 6 youth with disabilities, representative of different impairment groups, gender, age, and social-economic background together with their peers. Recruitment will be conducted in collaboration with the National Council for Persons with Disabilities and the Child Health Development Centre of Makerere University. The Unit will provide reasonable accommodations based on the intern's impairment needs.

Who can apply

Young people aged between 18 and 29 years' old who have a disability with their peers. Candidates (youth with disabilities and their peers) should possess at least an A-level certificate, having a Diploma, degree or higher degree is preferred, they should be available from June till November 2023, fluent in English and preferably have knowledge of an additional language such as Luganda and sign language.

How to apply

Interested candidates should submit their applications online:

- Each applicant (e.g. the youth with a disability and their peer) should complete all sections in the online form individually:
[https://redcap.link/Intern Youth Researcher](https://redcap.link/Intern_Youth_Researcher)
- Upload your curriculum vitae of maximum 4 pages in the designated area on the form. This CV should be uploaded in Word or PDF format.
- Submit your 500 words motivation statement in the designated area in the form. In this statement, please explain why you would like to participate in this project, why you think you are the right person for this, and how you think participating in this project will benefit you and your community.

The deadline for application is 15th April 2023, 5:00 pm.

Candidates will receive a notification in their email if their application and documentation have been successfully received.

Upon pre-selection interviews will be held in the week of May 1st. Only selected candidates will be contacted and invited. Certification of disability status may be requested from the National Council for Persons with Disabilities(NCPD) at the interview.

Questions about this advert or the application process should be addressed to Moses.Kizza@mrcuganda.org, MRC/UVRI and LSHTM Uganda Research Unit, Entebbe, Uganda.