

DELGEME CALL FOR ASPIRING LEADERS FELLOWSHIP

The Developing Excellence in Leadership and Genetics Training for Malaria Elimination in sub-Saharan Africa (DELGEME) programme is launching a new call for Aspiring Leaders to start in 2018.

Background

The Developing Excellence in Leadership and Genetics Training for Malaria Elimination in sub-Saharan Africa (DELGEME) is part of the Developing Excellence in Leadership, Training and Science Africa (DELTAS Africa), a programme of the Alliance for Accelerating Excellence in Science in Africa (AESAs) being implemented with the support of Wellcome Trust and the Department of International Development (DFID).

Through this Aspiring Leader scheme, DELGEME aims at selecting young rising stars within the Plasmodium Diversity Network Africa (PDNA) membership through impartial and transparent criteria.

Mechanisms for increasing these budding stars' international visibility, competitiveness and leadership skills will be devised. Arrangements will be made to give them the opportunity to be mentored by world renowned, internationally recognized leaders in their respective fields. They will be exposed to important decision making meetings and conferences such as those held by WHO.

Objectives

To develop African leaders in the fields that are the core mission of DELGEME i.e. malaria Bioinformatics, next generation sequence analysis, population genetics, cellular/molecular biology and computational Biology.

Evaluation criteria

- Candidate's qualifications and motivations;
- Proven record in research and training in malaria Bioinformatics, next generation sequence analysis, population genetics, cellular/molecular biology and computational Biology,
- Local, Regional and International contribution to malaria control and elimination Agenda.
- Participation at least once to a scientific and/or policy making meeting

Who can apply?

PDNA Principal Investigators or senior investigators from PDNA member institutions*

Applications will include:

1. A cover page including Personal information:
 - a. Full names as they appear on applicant's ID/passport;
 - b. Full contact details, including residential and postal address; email and telephone number(s);
2. A motivation letter including the candidates ***plans to contribute to training and***

- supervision of DELGEME students** (not longer than one A4 page – 500 words)
3. Letter of undertaking from the Leader with whom the applicant wishes to undertake his/her leadership development training.
 4. A training program proposal outlining the problem statement, methodology, specific skills to be acquired and the contribution that it will make to the body of knowledge in the particular field of malaria control and elimination (not longer than two A4 pages).
 5. A copy of ID/passport
 6. The most current CV.

Financial framework

The grant for each Aspiring Leader fellowship will be up to £ 35,000 for two years. This amount includes training and travel costs associated with the candidates working plan. Final financial arrangements will be done at the time of the award to successful applicants.

Deadline for application:

The application must be submitted electronically to delgemecalls@delgeme.org by **November 30th, 2017 at 17:00 GMT.**

Applicants will receive an e-mail to confirm receipt shortly after the applications are received. Final outcome of selection will be available on www.delgeme.org by December 31st 2017.

Contacts

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* Plasmodium Diversity Network Africa, PDNA countries: South Africa, Angola, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Cape Vert, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, The Gambia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, RD Congo and Tanzania.

PDNA institutions: Malaria Research and Training Center – University of Science, Techniques and Technologies of Bamako, Mali; Institut Pasteur de Madagascar; University of Kinshasa; Navrongo Health Research Center (NHRC); Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia; University of Buea; University FHB of Abidjan – National Institute of Public Health, Côte d'Ivoire; Centro de Investigaçao em Saúde de Manhiça (CISM) and Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal); National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD); Instituto Nacional de Saúde Pública, Ministério da Saúde de Cabo Verde; Doutora em Doenças Infecciosas e Parasitárias/Biomédica Directora Geral - Instituto Nacional de Saúde Pública; Medical Research Council Unit The Gambia; Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research; Benhard-Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine (BNITM) – Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research (KCCR); National Institute for Medical Research; Université des Sciences de la Santé, Libreville; United States Army Research Directorate-Kenya