



Post Doctoral Research Associate

Grade and salary: Grade 7 £38,205 – £44,264 pa

Working hours: Full time, 35 hours per week

Tenure: up to 36 months

Location: International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) campus, Nairobi KENYA

Faculty: Health and Life Sciences, Institute of Infection, Veterinary and Ecological Sciences, Livestock and One Health

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Job ref: 083606

The Role

Role overview and University context:

- This is a post-doctoral position in epidemiology with a focus on acute febrile illness in children. *Applications from veterinarians who hold a PhD in epidemiology are welcome, provided they have relevant experience/exposure to (human) clinical settings.*
- You will be a member of the NIHR Global Health Research Group on Zoonotic Causes of Acute Febrile Illness ("ZAFI"), which comprises paediatricians, veterinary scientists, epidemiologists, social scientists and experts in infectious disease research and diagnostics development. ZAFI aims to create a step change in the way that acute febrile illnesses are diagnosed and managed in children in sub-Saharan Africa. It also aims to raise awareness of zoonoses among communities and the health sector.
- You will primarily contribute to the planning and coordination of hospital-based studies across sites as well as capacity building initiatives for local researchers in participating countries (Uganda, Kenya and Ethiopia)
- You will be based full time in Nairobi, Kenya, where you will be hosted by the [International Livestock Research Institute](#) (ILRI). Regular travel to ZAFI sites in Uganda, Ethiopia and other parts of Kenya will be necessary as part of this role.
- You will work closely with the Director of ZAFI ([Dr Siobhan Mor](#)) as well as WPI lead ([Professor Eric Fèvre](#)), who are University of Liverpool staff members based full-time at ILRI. University of Liverpool has a long-standing relationship with ILRI, including via the [ZooLink project](#) and [HORN project](#). There is a vibrant community of scientists at ILRI Nairobi engaged on research on zoonoses.
- Your role will be within the [Institute of Infection, Veterinary and Ecological Sciences](#)

Key responsibilities and duties:

- Provide epidemiology expertise and help coordinate facility-based studies, ensuring harmonised approaches are used in all sites consistent with Good Clinical Practices
- Contribute to the development of the study protocol, consent forms and data collection tools, as well as data analysis and data management
- Interact with project partners in Uganda, Kenya and Ethiopia
- Co-supervise and contribute to capacity building of PhD and MSc students
- Write research papers and grant proposals
- Assist the Director, Work Package leads, Country leads and project managers in all activities related to the delivery of ZAFI's objectives; such as, preparing reports, materials for websites, attending meetings and workshops.
- Travel within Kenya, and to Uganda and Ethiopia to support project activities

In addition to the above, all University of Liverpool staff are required to:

- Adhere to all University policies and procedures, completing all obligatory training and induction modules, including Equality & Diversity and Health & Safety.
- Respect confidentiality: all confidential information should be kept in confidence and not released to unauthorised persons.
- Participate in the University's Professional Development Review scheme and take a proactive approach to own professional development.
- Demonstrate customer service excellence in dealing with all stakeholders.
- Embody and uphold the University's Vision and Values.

About you

Experience

Essential

1. Relevant experience/exposure to observational research in (human) clinical settings.
2. Experience writing study protocols, applying for ethics and designing questionnaires.
3. Experience working/living in low-and-middle income countries.
4. Experience working independently as well as part of a team.

Desirable

1. Experience writing clinical guidelines and/or designing clinical algorithms.
2. Experience with KoBo Toolbox or similar.
3. Experience working/living in East Africa.
4. Experience working as part of a multi-disciplinary team.
5. Track record of publications.

Education, qualifications and training

Essential

1. PhD in epidemiology or other relevant area. *Applications from veterinarians who hold a PhD in epidemiology are welcome, provided they have relevant experience/exposure to (human) clinical settings.*

Any applicants who are still awaiting their PhD to be awarded should be aware that if successful, they will be appointed at grade 6, spine point 30. Upon submitting written confirmation that they have been successful in being awarded their PhD, they will be moved onto grade 7, spine point 31 from the date of their award.

Desirable

- 1 Training in Good Clinical Practices (GCP).

Skills, general and specialist knowledge

Essential

1. Excellent knowledge of epidemiological study design and questionnaire design.
2. Knowledge of infectious diseases of importance in tropical settings.
3. Strong data analysis and data management skills.
4. Strong English writing skills.

Desirable

1. Knowledge of clinical evaluation of diagnostic tests
2. Sound knowledge of zoonoses

Personal attributes

Essential

1. Resilient, adaptable, and motivated
2. Excellent interpersonal skills, including cultural sensitivity to enable effective cross-cultural working
3. Willing to be based full time in Nairobi, Kenya
4. Willing to travel within Kenya, and to Ethiopia and Uganda

Desirable

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The recruiting department will endeavour to respond to each application. However, if you have not heard within six weeks of the closing date, please take it that your application has not been successful on this occasion.

Job description

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Disabilities and alternative formats

If you have any other requirements which will help you access the application or interview process or employment opportunities at the University, or if you require copies documentation in alternative formats, please email: jobs@liverpool.ac.uk or telephone 0151 794 6771.

