



**University of Ottawa-Great Lakes University of Kisumu—
The UWI School of Nursing, Mona**

**Postdoctoral Fellowship in Global Health Research—
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

Application Deadline: Applications will be reviewed based on a rolling admission policy. Candidates are invited to submit their applications at anytime. The application will then be reviewed and the applicant will be notified of the decision within a few weeks.

PURPOSE

The uOttawa-GLUK-UWISON Postdoctoral Fellowship in Global Health Research is a one-year research award, intended to actively support junior researchers who have the passion, commitment, and leadership capacity to use research to address urgent global health challenges. Fellowships must be tailored to an approved health systems or community health research focus.

The award will support a postdoctoral fellow for 11 months of mentored training on-site at either University of Ottawa (uOttawa; Ottawa, Canada), The UWI School of Nursing, Mona (UWISON; Kingston, Jamaica) or Great Lakes University of Kisumu (GLUK; Kisumu, Kenya), along with one-month participation in the international research internship at either UWISON or GLUK.

For 2015, at least three awards will be available:

- one fellow will be based at the uOttawa with Dr. Nancy Edwards;
- one fellow at UWISON with Dr. Eulalia Kahwa;
Focus must be on chronic non-communicable diseases;
- one fellow to be based at GLUK with Dr. Dan Kaseje. *Preference given to East African applicants.*

BACKGROUND

At the **University of Ottawa**, a bilingual public research university, the fellow will have the opportunity to work with Dr. Nancy Edwards, a distinguished professor in the School of Nursing, Principal Scientist with the Institute of Population Health, and Senior Scientist, Élisabeth Bruyère Research Institute. Her clinical and research interests are in the fields of public and population health, specifically multi-level and multi-strategy interventions development and evaluation.

Great Lakes University of Kisumu was originally established through the Tropical Institute of Community Health (TICH). In 2012, The Centre for Excellence in Health Systems Research was also established based on its unique strength of an approach to applying research through practical action with local communities, focused on the most vulnerable. It is a leading university in health sciences and community health and development teaching, research and service learning.

The UWI School of Nursing, Mona provides undergraduate and postgraduate nursing education across the Commonwealth Caribbean region with programs that are responsive to global health challenges and that encourage high quality interdisciplinary and international research. UWISON has been designated as a PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Development in the Caribbean to promote and support development of practices, regulations, and research dissemination.



EXPECTATIONS

During the fellowship period, Fellows are required to:

1. Apply for an external personnel award for a subsequent postdoctoral or junior researcher award (e.g. Banting Award, Wellcome Trust training fellowship in public health and tropical medicine, CIHR new investigator award);
2. Develop your program of research;
3. Submit at least one abstract to the GLUK's Annual Scientific Conference or UWISON's Annual Nursing and Midwifery Conference;
4. Attend and act as mentors in the GLUK or UWISON International Research Internship in May and June 2015.

ELIGIBILITY

All applicants must:

- Demonstrate keen interest in a long-term research career in health systems or community health research relevant to lower- and middle-income country contexts
- Have completed a PhD in health sciences, public health, community health, epidemiology, or other relevant disciplines
- Have published at least two articles in peer reviewed journals
- Confirm availability to travel to Kenya or Jamaica to participate on-site in the GLUK or UWISON International Conference and Research Internship
- Canadian-based applicants must hold Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status
- Preference will be given to East African candidates for the fellowship at GLUK
- The UWISON Fellowship has no citizenship restrictions

APPLICATION PROCESS

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AWARD CONDITIONS

- Duration: The fellowship is full-time, tenable for 12 consecutive months.
- Supervision: Fellows will have as their primary supervisor either Dr. Edwards, Dr. Kaseje, or Dr. Eulalia Kahwa with the other leads being the co-supervisor.
- Maximum funding: The award for Canadian fellows is CAD \$34,000 per annum (taxable), consistent with the required funding level set by the uOttawa Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and GLUK. The award for Kenyan fellows is USD \$15,000 per annum. Award amount is based on a full-time commitment for 12 months. Should a fellow terminate their award before completing 12 months, the actual amount of the award will be prorated accordingly. The award will be dispersed by the host university to the Fellow in bi-weekly increments.
- For Canadian Fellows: Lowest economy return airfare to Kisumu or Kingston to attend the International Conference and Internship at GLUK or UWISON will be covered by uOttawa.
- All Fellows are required to adhere to host university policies and procedures and government regulations.

FOR INFORMATION & TO OBTAIN THE APPLICATION PACKAGE:

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