



## Senior Fellowships in Public Health and Tropical Medicine

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**Aim:** To support outstanding researchers from low and middle-income countries to establish themselves as leading investigators at an academic institution in a low and middle-income country location. Applicants may apply to remain in their current laboratory (even if they already hold an established post), to return to one where they have previously worked, or to move to a new laboratory, in a low- and middle-income country.

**Scope:** Research on infectious and non-communicable diseases within the fields of public health and tropical medicine that is aimed at understanding and controlling diseases (either human or animal) of relevance to local, national or global health. This can include laboratory based molecular analysis of field or clinical samples, but projects focused solely on studies in vitro or using animal models will not normally be considered under this scheme.

**Research areas:**

- Demographic, social science and health economic studies
- Epidemiological, field and community based studies
- Health care systems and policy research
- Measurement of infectious and chronic disease burden
- Population studies
- Clinical trials and case control studies
- Studies of disease mechanisms in the natural host
- Determinants of disease susceptibility and resistance
- Immunity or resistance in natural hosts or vectors

**Eligibility criteria:** Nationals of a low and middle-income country based at an eligible host institution in a low- and middle-income country, and be either:

- A graduate in a subject relevant to public health or tropical medicine with a PhD and at least five years' postdoctoral experience.
- Medical graduate with a higher qualification equivalent to membership of the UK Royal College of Physicians, or be recognised as a specialist within a relevant research area, and have at least five years' research experience.

Applicants who do not have a PhD but who are educated to first degree or Master's level and have substantial research experience, as evidenced by their publication record, may be considered.

**Duration:** Up to five years

**Eligible costs:** Basic salary; research expenses; research management and support costs; allowance and attendance to academic/scientific conferences; public engagement costs.

It is not expected that the fellow will hold a salary in addition to the one provided by the Trust.

Overseas allowances will be provided for periods of training or collaborative research spent outside the home institution country, where appropriate.

Research-dedicated costs (excluding salary costs) should not exceed £100 000 per annum.

**Timeline:**

- VHIR's internal deadline: 17 May, 2016
  - Preliminary application official deadline: 24 May, 2016 (5:00 p.m.)
  - Main application deadline: 27 July, 2016 (5:00 p.m.)
  - Shortlisting of candidates by Expert Review Group: September 2016
  - Shortlisted candidate interviews by Interview Panel: 30 November 2016 – 2 December 2016
- Further information: Senior Fellowships in Public Health and Tropical Medicine

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