



OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: MSc STUDENTS RESEARCH FUNDING

The University of Rwanda-College of Agriculture, Animal Sciences and Veterinary Medicine (UR-CAVM) is seeking for five (5) Masters level students to engage in and participate in a research study focused on women empowerment in livestock vaccine value chain in Rwanda. Students will be financially facilitated.

Project description

SheVax+ Project is an action research project to support women's agency and empowerment in livestock vaccine distribution, delivery and use in Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya. It aims at:

1. Generating evidence and formulate strategies that help position women to effectively and efficiently contribute to and benefit from livestock vaccines,
2. enhancing women's participation in livestock vaccine distribution, delivery and use,
3. testing gender focused models that target specific entry points for women along the vaccine value chain (VVC), and
4. providing data and information that impact programmatic and policy interventions.

It is financed by International Development Research Center (IDRC) in Canada and implemented by researchers from University of Rwanda, University of Nairobi, Makerere University, One Health Central and East African network (OHCEA) and Tufts University in the US. The sites of the project in Rwanda are in Rwempasha and Rwimiyaga sectors of Nyagatare district. The project focuses on New Castle Disease and Rift Valley Fever Vaccine Value Chains.

Criteria for application

The student applicants should fulfil the following criteria:

- Registered MSc student who have completed a part of course work (first year courses)
- Having interest and knowledge on Rwanda's livestock sector (particularly goats and chicken)
- Interested in learning about gender and women empowerment
- Accept to work on a topic proposed by the project
- Be prepared to spend at least two months in the field project site in Nyagatare District, Eastern province



- Be able to prepare a manuscript for publication in collaboration with the project researchers
- Participate in all project trainings in preparation for the research

Applicants should also:

- be able to work under pressure and to meet all deadlines
- be able to start the research activities in early November 2019
- have an excellent English and Kinyarwanda language skills (reading and writing)
- have an experience in working with rural communities or vulnerable groups
- have an enthusiasm for empowering women and becoming a gender champion

Opportunities

Successful applicants will be provided with a stipend during the field phase that will cover accommodation, research and transportation while in the field. They will be trained in various research and gender analysis tools such as Women Empowerment in Livestock Index (WELI) and outcome mapping

Application

Interested candidates should submit their applications to **Dr. Fidèle Niyitanga, Rwanda Country Lead, SheVax+ project, Busogo Campus** at the email address: LFNIYITANGA@GMAIL.COM with a copy to ayawe@ohcea.org and principal.cavm@ur.ac.rw

The application should comprise the cover letter, the CV, a letter of recommendation from the leader of the program and a two-page concept note on how women small holder farmers in Rwanda are impacted by livestock vaccine availability and accessibility.

The submission deadline is fixed on 07th November, 2019. Selected candidates for interviews will be informed within one-week period. For any further clarification, please contact Dr. Fidèle Niyitanga on phone number: +250 788 624 094.

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