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Call for applications for a MSc. Scholarship

Strengthening Adolescent HIV Care in Uganda through Implementation Science: Co-developing and Embedding the Life Transition–Responsive Adherence (LiTRA) Strategy

Context: Adolescents living with HIV (ALHIV) in Uganda face poor ART adherence, especially during key life transitions such as entering boarding school, parenthood, employment, and transition to adult HIV care. Existing adherence support models are often static and insufficiently responsive to changing needs. The Life Transitions Responsive Adherence (LiTRA) project addresses this gap through participatory action research and implementation science by co-developing and embedding a transition-responsive adherence strategy in routine HIV care, while improving adherence outcomes and strengthening MMU's capacity in implementation science.

Position: This MPH scholarship is tenable at Mountains of the Moon University for students admitted into the MPH program for AY 2026/2027. The successful candidate will propose research in the area of Sexual and Reproductive Health for ALHIV. The scholarship covers tuition (up to 2 years), research costs, and a modest monthly stipend for related expenses.

Supervision: Successful student will be supervised by Dr. Emmanuel Kimera and Ms. Linda Grace Alanyo

Selection process: A selection committee comprising representatives from all participating partner institutions will shortlist applicants based on qualifications, potential for success, and their prospective contribution to the Faculty of Health Sciences at MMU. Shortlisted candidates will subsequently be interviewed by the committee, and the highest-ranked candidate will be selected.

Profile and skills required

- BSc. in a health-related field (Nursing, Midwifery, medicine, pharmacy, Public Health)
- Strong interest in HIV research, or child health or adolescent health or implementation research
- Writing and reading proficiency in English and Rutooro
- Prior experience with conducting interviews and Focus Groups
- Be able to publish the research work in a peer-reviewed journal
- Females are encouraged to apply
- Available to provide tutorship to undergraduate students.

Application procedure: Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications before close of business on **14th August 2026**. One Pdf file that includes a short concept (2-3 pages), short CV (2 pages max), copies of academic documents should be submitted by email to dean.fhs@mmu.ac.ug with copies to Co-PI: Ms. Linda Grace Alanyo (lindalindrace@gmail.com)