Call for Applications
TDRI Postgraduate Scholarship in Implementation Research
Academic Year 2023

Deadline for applications : 1 November 2022

The School of Public Health, University of Antioquia, Medellin, Colombia is pleased to announce the Call for Applications for the award of TDR Postgraduate Training Scholarships for a two-year Master of Public Health (MPH) postgraduate program with specialization in Implementation Science, for the Academic session 2023-25, beginning in February 2023.

This full scholarship is supported by TDR, the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, based at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. Candidates who are the nationals and residents in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) of WHO Americas region are eligible to apply.

The training will specifically focus on subjects and courses relevant to Implementation Research (IR). IR is a growing field that supports the identification of health system bottlenecks and approaches to address them and is particularly useful in LMICs where many health interventions do not reach those who could benefit from them. The goal of this scheme is to enhance graduate training capacity and augment the number and quality of IR researchers in LMICs. The TDR Postgraduate Training Scheme has a focus on IR on infectious diseases of poverty, including neglected tropical diseases, malaria, tuberculosis and COVID-19. Further information on IR is available at https://tdr.who.int/home/our-work/strengthening-research-capacity/implementation-research-training-materials

Study Areas for Scholarship

Scholarships will be offered for academic session 2023-25, for a two-year MPH Program (Maestría en Epidemiología) with specialization in IR. This will be a full-time program to promote problem-based experiential learning. Ideally, the scholarship recipients will be offered on-campus teaching and their thesis project on implementation research on infectious diseases of poverty, including neglected tropical diseases, malaria, tuberculosis and COVID-19, will be undertaken in recipients’ respective home countries. However, if the current COVID-19 pandemic related confinement and/or travel restrictions continue, the course will be delivered through an online platform. The Master’s Program will be taught in Spanish. Recipients will be enrolled as postgraduate students. The fellows will be required to register on the TDR Global platform designed to provide networking opportunities for all TDR alumni and stakeholders.

Eligibility for Scholarship

The applicant should:
- Be nationals of and residents in low-and middle income countries (as defined by the World Bank) of WHO Americas region (https://www.paho.org/en); and
- Be under age 35 at the time of application for the Master’s programme.

The applicant is expected to:
- Meet the University requirements for international postgraduate students;
- Submit a statement of purpose and letter of recommendation from current or previous supervisor;
- Be interested in developing a career in implementation research on infectious diseases of poverty; and
- Submit a No Objection Certificate from department / employer and documented permission to obtain study leave from employment (if applicable) before commencement of programme;
TDR is committed to Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity in science. Applicants are encouraged to apply irrespective of gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religious, cultural and social backgrounds, or (dis)ability status.

The TDR scholarship covers:
- Economy airfare between the home country of the student and Colombia;
- Tuition and academic fees;
- Basic medical and accident insurance;
- Monthly stipend to cover food and accommodation for one person; and
- Support for research project/thesis expenses, including travel during data collection in home country.

Applying for MPH Program at University of Antioquia
Students are required to submit their online applications for MPH Program at University of Antioquia. Complete details of the University of Antioquia MPH program, admission process and registration for application is available at the university website: [http://www.udea.edu.co/wps/portal/udea/web/inicio/estudiar-udea/quiero-estudiar-udea/posgrado/oferta-programas-posgrado/maestrias](http://www.udea.edu.co/wps/portal/udea/web/inicio/estudiar-udea/quiero-estudiar-udea/posgrado/oferta-programas-posgrado/maestrias)

If you experience problems with the webpage or the call for the MPH (Maestría en Epidemiología) is not activated, send an email to [convocatoriasposfnsp@udea.edu.co](mailto:convocatoriasposfnsp@udea.edu.co) expressing your interest in the call and you will receive back instructions about how to proceed with your application.

Application review timeline

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