

## Call for Applications

### TDR Postgraduate Scholarship in Implementation Research Academic year 2023–2025

**Deadline for submission of applications: 29 May 2023**

The School of Public Health, University of Antioquia in Medellin, Colombia, is pleased to announce a new extension to the Call for Applications for the award of TDR Postgraduate Training Scholarships for a two-year Master of Public Health (MPH) postgraduate programme, with specialization in implementation science, for the academic session 2023–2025, beginning in August 2023.

This full scholarship is supported by [TDR](#), the UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, based at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. Only candidates and residents in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) of the [World Health Organization Region of the Americas](#) are eligible to apply.

The training will focus specifically on subjects and courses relevant to implementation science. Implementation science 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 scholarship is to enhance graduate training capacity and augment the number and quality of researchers in LMICs. The TDR Postgraduate Training Scholarship has a focus on implementation research on infectious diseases of poverty, including neglected tropical diseases, malaria and tuberculosis. Further information 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 2023–2025, for a two-year MPH programme (Maestría en Epidemiología) with specialization in implementation science. This will be a full-time programme to promote problem-based experiential learning. Ideally, scholarship recipients will be offered on-campus teaching, with the thesis project on implementation research on infectious diseases of poverty, including [neglected tropical diseases](#), malaria and tuberculosis, undertaken in their home countries. However, if there will be any public health -related restrictions, 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. Successful applicants will be required to register on the [TDR Global platform](#) which is designed to provide networking opportunities for all TDR alumni and stakeholders.

#### Eligibility for Scholarship

The applicant should be:

- a national of and resident in a low- or middle-income country (as defined by the World Bank) of the [WHO Region of the Americas](#); and
- 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 their 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 their department / employer and documented permission to obtain study leave from employment (if applicable), before commencement of programme.

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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.

#### **What 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.
- Support for research project/thesis expenses, including travel during data collection in home country.

#### **Applying for the MPH Programme at the University of Antioquia**

Students are required to submit their online applications for the MPH Programme at the University of Antioquia. Complete details including the admission process and registration for application is available on the University's website: <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 web page or the call for the MPH (Maestría en Epidemiología) is not activated, please send an email to [convocatoriasposfnsnp@udea.edu.co](mailto:convocatoriasposfnsnp@udea.edu.co) or [carlos.rojas@udea.edu.co](mailto:carlos.rojas@udea.edu.co) expressing your interest in the call. Instructions on how to proceed with your application will be sent to you via email.

#### **Application review timeline**

Date	Activity
1 March 2023	Extension of the call for Applications
29 May 2023	Last date for submission of Completed Applications
1 - 4 June 2023	Review of Applications
4 June 2023	Summon of Shortlisted Applicants for Interviews
5 - 7 June 2023	Interviews for selection
30 June 2023	Final Selection subject to TDR Scholarship Acceptance
14 August 2023	Arrival at University of Antioquia/Orientation
22 August 2023	Academic Instruction Begin

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