

Collaboration for Evidence Based Healthcare and Public Health (CEBHA+)

Doctoral Scholarship

Call for Applications

Introduction:

The Collaboration for Evidence-Based Healthcare and Public Health in Africa (CEBHA+), invites applications for three doctoral students to apply for a 3-year scholarship.

Sub-Saharan Africa is affected by a substantial burden of disease, with premature deaths due to non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and unintentional injuries being on the rise. There is thus a substantial need to develop and implement evidence-based interventions to prevent and treat NCDs and unintentional injuries in Africa, as well as to address their root causes. CEBHA+, a research network with partners in many African countries, including South Africa, Malawi, Uganda, Rwanda and Ethiopia has emerged from this need. The Network aims to build long-term capacity and infrastructure for evidence-based healthcare and public health in sub-Saharan Africa, by focusing on both prevention of disease and delivery of care for NCDs.

Each of the doctoral candidates will be hosted at one of three institutions:

- [Stellenbosch University](#)
- [University of Malawi](#)
- [South African Medical Research Council](#)

Conditions of the scholarship:

The successful doctoral candidate will be expected to:

- Conduct policy relevant NCDs-related research within the low and middle income country (LMIC) public health context
- Submit at least 2 manuscripts emerging from the doctoral research to peer-reviewed journals
- Complete his or her doctoral studies within 3 years after first registration (by the end of 2021)
- Repay the scholarship amount given if the candidate fails to complete his or her studies within the expected period.

Details of the scholarship:

The total scholarship is valued at € 24,000 and will be paid out over 3 years. The scholarship will be administered through the successful candidate's university; and it will cover tuition fees and research costs, and contribute towards living expenses. Payment of the scholarship will be as per the university policy; and continued payment of the scholarship will depend upon the candidate's satisfactory progress against agreed goals. The successful candidate will be mentored by experienced researchers within the CEBHA+ Network.

Eligibility criteria for applicants per institution:

	South African Medical Research Council	Stellenbosch University (South Africa)	University of Malawi
Citizenship	Not a criteria	Not a criteria	Malawian citizen
Qualifications	Master's degree		Master's degree in Public Health or Epidemiology
PhD registration at University	Students already registered as well as those intending to register		
Research background	Public health, global health, clinical epidemiology, or nutrition or related field		Public health and epidemiology
Research interest	NCDs-related research and evidence synthesis methods		Evidence based health care, epidemiology, public health
PhD proposal topic	Policy relevant NCDs-related research within the LMIC public health context		Policy relevant NCDs-related research within the LMIC public health context or Evidence based health care
Employment	Not more than 20hrs/week		
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