

VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT

Employment Designation: Pharmaceutical Technologist

Employment Category: Fixed three-month contract with a possibility of renewal

Employment Type: Full time

Employment Location; Kisumu, Kenya

Organization's Background

Formed in September 2020 in Kenya, VIBRI's goal is to accelerate the translation of promising innovations from the laboratory bench to the clinic in the community. The institute provides a dynamic platform for global health research, training and education by bringing together knowledge and resources to address the most important global health issues relevant to Africa.

Working in collaboration with global health partners, VIBRI is committed to the pursuit of knowledge, discovery and clinical development of public health interventions that have a major impact on global health in Africa.

Africa faces a double burden of infectious and chronic diseases. While infectious diseases still account for the highest burden of morbidity and mortality on the continent, age specific mortality rates from chronic diseases as a whole are actually higher in sub-Saharan Africa than in virtually all other regions of the world, in both men and women. Over the coming years, the continent is projected to experience the largest increase in disease and death rates from cardiovascular disease, cancer, respiratory disease and diabetes.

To tackle these global health challenges in Africa, VIBRI aims to support epidemiological research and clinical development of innovative healthcare and medical technologies with the ultimate goal of improving healthcare at both local and global levels.

Major Responsibilities

Reporting to the Research Pharmacist, the incumbent is expected to support the pharmacy team in various ways and ensure that medicines are dispensed in a legal, efficient and accurate way.

The successful candidate will work with the Research Pharmacist to help ensure that clinical research and related activities are performed in accordance with the governments, VIBRI's and the sponsoring agency's policies and procedures.

The incumbent's duties will include the following roles:

- Support the pharmacy team in the management of the Investigations Product (IP) from receipt, to storage, preparation, dispensing and accountability.
- Daily monitoring to ensure all equipment in the pharmacy are duly maintained, calibrated as and when due and properly functioning as required.
- Monitor temperatures in the pharmacy and all the cold-chain equipment used in the pharmacy.
- Management and accurate record keeping of medication stored in the pharmacy.
- Counsel patients on the use of their medicines at the point of dispensing.

- Dispense study medical devices or drugs to subjects, determine dosages and deliver instructions as necessary.
- Participate in departmental meetings and other forums as may be delegated.
- Prepare pharmacy reports for review by the Research Pharmacist.
- Prepare or get involved in quality assurance audits performed by study sponsors, regulatory authorities or designated review groups.
- Implement quality control processes throughout the conduct of the trial.
- Record any adverse reactions and side effect information and consult with Research Pharmacist concerning the reporting of such events to the Principal Investigator.
- Any other relevant duties as may be assigned from time to time.

Qualifications

- Diploma in Pharmaceutical Technology from a recognized institution.
- Registered with the Kenya Pharmacy & Poisons Board.
- Valid professional practice license from relevant regulating body.
- At least one years demonstrable work experience preferably in a medical research organization that deals with trials of human subjects.
- Proficiency in computer applications especially MS word, excel, outlook and power point.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Keen and attentive to detail.
- Fluency in English and Swahili. Dholuo is an added advantage as it is the local language of the duty station.
- Ability to work well in a team and collaborate with colleagues.

Application process

Qualified candidates are encouraged to apply through careers@vibriafrica.org by 30th September 2024 close of business.

Applications should include: an application letter, an up-to-date curriculum vitae, academic certificates, copy of current license and relevant supporting documents/testimonials.

Diversity Equity and Inclusion

VIBRI Africa is committed to achieving diversity, equity and inclusion via employment of a workforce from various walks of life who hold different beliefs, backgrounds, cultures and perspectives. We believe that harnessing the best aspects of different individuals will come in handy in providing solutions for complex problems at the workplace.

Equal Opportunity Employer

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VIBRI Africa does not ask for any fee in connection with its recruitment process.