



GLOBAL HEALTH RESEARCH GROUP ON ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN MALAWI PHD OPPORTUNITIES

The Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (KUHeS), the Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (MUBAS) and University of Strathclyde (Scotland) together are implementing a four-year (2022-2026) research and capacity building adolescent health and wellbeing programme with funding from the UK's National Institute of Health and Care Research (NIHR). These opportunities will focus on a range of topics pertaining to adolescents: health economics, water sanitation and hygiene, sexual and reproductive health rights and adolescent wellbeing.

The following 4 PhD Studentship opportunities are available to Malawian nationals resident in Malawi only, to support this research programme:

Two PhD studentships based in Scotland, UK are being offered by the University of Strathclyde. Please see information at these links for more information:

1. PhD on Participatory Methods to Promote Adolescent Well-being in Malawi

Short Summary

We are offering a 3-year PhD scholarship for a student to explore what young people in Malawi understand by well-being in their context. They will work with young people to explore a range of co-produced and participatory methods to help with harnessing the stories and concerns related to well-being among Malawian adolescents and explore the feasibility of initiatives to improve their well-being. The studentship covers international fees and a stipend for living costs of circa £18,000 (full time) per annum for the duration of 3 years. The stipend will be in line with UK Research Council rates and an increase is expected but still to be confirmed.

Awarding Institution

University of Strathclyde, Scotland, UK

Candidate Requirements/Background and Eligibility

This opportunity is open to Malawian nationals resident in Malawi only.

- The successful candidate will have a strong undergraduate (equivalent of a 1st or 2:1 Honours degree) and preferably a masters degree in social sciences (social/health policy, psychology, sociology) or social and public health sciences, or another related subject.
- It is essential that the candidate has experience of: working with adolescents in Malawi or similar setting; qualitative interviews/focus groups; analysis of qualitative interviews; ability to search academic literature; good communication skills (in-person and in-writing); produced a dissertation or report or publication; good reliability (punctuality, persistence); and an interest in adolescent wellbeing.
- It is desirable that the candidate also has the ability to: communicate quantitative data; analyse quantitative data; undertake mixed-methods research; conduct a literature review; use a bibliography package; and use qualitative analysis software.

Please submit your application with the following documents by midnight on **26 May 2023**, attaching the following:

1. A cover letter
2. An academic curriculum vitae



3. Degree transcripts
4. Two academic references

2. PhD in Health Economics and Policy Analysis for Adolescent Health in Malawi

Short Summary

We are offering a 3-year PhD scholarship for a student to work with experts and policy stakeholders from Malawi and from Strathclyde on topics related to health economics and policy analysis for adolescent health in Malawi. Critical tasks will be mapping the policy landscape to understand the opportunities for influencing policy, quantifying the burden of poor adolescent health in the country as a way of making the case for change, and evaluating interventions which are feasible and culturally relevant within the Malawian context which could make a difference. The studentship covers international fees and a stipend for living costs of circa £18,000 (full time) per annum for the duration of 3 years. The stipend will be in line with UK Research Council rates and an increase is expected but still to be confirmed.

Awarding Institution

University of Strathclyde, Scotland, UK

Candidate Requirements/Background and Eligibility

This opportunity is open to Malawian nationals resident in Malawi only.

- Students must have an undergraduate and preferably a masters degree in economics, health economics, management science, public health, health services research or health sector management, or another related subject.
- Candidates for this scholarship should be interested in how economic, educational and public health evidence can inform policy in a low-income setting, sympathetic to the challenges faced by Malawian young people, and committed to contributing to Malawi's development goals.

Please submit your application with the following documents by midnight on **26 May 2023**, attaching the following:

1. A cover letter
2. An academic curriculum vitae
3. Degree transcripts
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Two PhD studentships based in Malawi are being offered by the Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (KUHeS) and Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (MUBAS).

3. PhD in Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Malawi

Short Summary

We are offering a 3-year PhD scholarship for a student to work with experts and stakeholders from Malawi on topics related to adolescent sexual and reproductive health in Malawi. The PhD will focus on understanding the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights challenges and opportunities affecting adolescents in both rural and urban settings in Malawi. The aim is to co-create and implement the interventions/ health strategies that can improve adolescent health, wellbeing and protect their rights.

Awarding Institution



Kamuzu University of Health Sciences, School of Global and Public Health. The student will be based at the Centre for Reproductive Health, Blantyre, Malawi.

Candidate Requirements/Background

This opportunity is open to Malawian nationals resident in Malawi only.

- Students must have attained a relevant Masters degree and must be able to communicate fluently in English (speaking and writing).
- Candidates for this scholarship should be interested in evaluating/testing interventions designed to reduce the risk of exposure to adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) among adolescents, mitigate adverse impact of ACEs such as depression or participation in risky behaviour, and improve sexual and reproductive health outcomes.

To be considered for this scholarship, eligible applicants must:

- Write the name 'Malawi Adolescents Project Scholarship' in the Funding section of the application and apply formally online.
- Please submit your application with the following documents by midnight on **31 May 2023** to the University Registrar, through the address shown below. The application package **MUST** comprise:

1. Cover letter
2. Completed KUHeS Postgraduate Application form. The forms are available on the KUHeS website at www.kuhes.ac.mw
3. Duly filled reference forms (one academic and one professional). Forms can be found on the KUHeS website
4. Authenticated academic/degree copies (by a lawyer, magistrate, or registrar of the awarding institution)
5. Sealed or certified copies of academic transcripts to:

The Registrar
Kamuzu University of Health Sciences
Private Bag 360, Chichiri Blantyre, MALAWI
Subject: PhD Application
Email address: admissions@kuhes.ac.mw

4. PhD in Water and Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) and Adolescents Rights in Malawi **Short Summary**

We are offering a 3-year PhD fellowship focused on 'WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) and Adolescents' with the primary objectives of: understanding the role that WASH play in the health and well-being of adolescents; to co-create, implement and explore the acceptability and practicality of prototypes/pilot interventions with purposively selected adolescent populations; and to develop informed long-term interventions which require more complex framing with adolescents and other stakeholders.

Awarding Institution

Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences, Department of Environmental and Public Health Sciences, Blantyre, Malawi

Candidate Requirements/Background

This opportunity is open to Malawian nationals resident in Malawi only.



- Completed a 2-year MPhil or MSc degree or equivalent, relevant to the topic of research (e.g., Environmental Health).
- Strong interest in the aims and procedures of the research project.
- Interest in epidemiological research and statistics.
- Capability of working in a team.
- Ability to strike a balance between working independently and asking for help when necessary.
- Willingness to work and be based for long periods in a rural area (Mchinji, Malawi).
- A full driving license, valid in Malawi, is desirable.
- Proficiency in Chichewa will be an asset.
- Proficiency in English – evidence may be requested if appropriate

To be considered for this scholarship, eligible applicants must apply formally online. Please submit your application with the following documents by midnight on **31 May 2023** to washted-director@mubas.ac.mw with a copy to ckambala@mubas.ac.mw.

The application package MUST comprise:

1. Cover letter
2. Full CV
3. Authenticated academic/degree copies

Detailed information for each PHD Application Process can be accessed at: <http://www.adolescentwellbeingmalawi.org>

Please note, application processes are specific to each PhD and should be followed accordingly.