



## Call for applications

### TDR Postgraduate Scholarship in Implementation Research Academic Years 2021/2023

**Deadline for applications: 31 May 2021**

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#### DESCRIPTION

The University of Zambia School of Public Health invites interested candidates to apply for a TDR Postgraduate Scholarship which will be offered for the academic year commencing September 2021 for the following two-year full-time postgraduate programmes:

1. Master of Science, Epidemiology
2. Master of Public Health, Health Promotion and Education
3. Master of Public Health, Health Policy and Management

Funding for these scholarships is from [TDR](#), the UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, based at the World Health Organization in Geneva, as part of the TDR Postgraduate Training Scheme. The goal of the scheme is to enhance graduate training capacity and boost the number of researchers in low- and middle-income countries. The focus is on implementation research on infectious diseases of poverty, including the [neglected tropical diseases](#), malaria, tuberculosis, HIV/TB co-infection and COVID-19. The scheme provides training relevant to a career in implementation research. Implementation research is a growing field that supports the identification of health system bottlenecks and approaches to address them and is particularly useful in low- and middle-income countries where many health interventions do not reach those who need them the most.

Following the selection process, scholarship recipients are expected to enroll in the Programmes in **October 2021**. The programmes provide on-campus and on-line teaching, with the scholarship recipients conducting a thesis project in their home countries. However, depending on regulations related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the course may be adjusted, for example with entirely on-line delivery. Scholarship recipients will be enrolled as postgraduate students, and their careers will be tracked through the TDR Global alumni and stakeholder platform, which monitors the impact of the programmes, facilitates networking and provides opportunities to increase visibility for students and alumni.

## ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

### Applicants should:

- Be resident in and nationals of a low- or middle-income country (as [defined](#) by the World Bank) in the [WHO African Region](#)
- Be 35 years old or younger
- Be interested in developing a career in implementation research on infectious diseases of poverty
- Hold a bachelor's degree in a relevant field from any recognized university
- Meet the standard University of Zambia requirements for graduate students
- Be proficient in English
- Provide evidence of the ability to obtain study leave from their employer (if applicable) before commencement of programme.

The final selection of candidates will be done in conjunction with TDR, taking into account gender and geographic representation of candidates from the region.

*\*Please note that women and candidates from non-English speaking countries in Africa are particularly encouraged to apply.*

## THE SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE

This TDR Postgraduate Scholarship covers:

- Return economy airfare between the home country of the candidate and Zambia
- Tuition fees and basic medical and accident insurance
- Monthly stipend to cover meals and accommodation for one person
- Support for research project/thesis expenses, including travel during data collection in home country
- English course for non-English speaking candidates

## APPLYING FOR A TDR POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

The application package should include the following documents:

- Motivation letter expressing interest for the fellowship
- Relevant Degree (s)
- Letter of recommendation from a reputable professional referee
- Letter of recommendation from an academic referee
- Brief statement of not more than 200 words on your proposed study and research
- Curriculum Vitae

Completed applications, together with all supporting documents, should be sent in a single email to the University of Zambia School of Public Health at [tdrunza@gmail.com](mailto:tdrunza@gmail.com).

Please clearly state in the email subject line **'Application for TDR Postgraduate Scholarship'**.

**NOTE:** Candidates who are awarded a scholarship will be guided on the admission process through the University of Zambia website:

<https://www.unza.zm/schools/public-health/applications>

## **CALENDAR FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Applications for master's programme opened online	<b>26 March 2021</b>
Deadline to apply for the master's programme	<b>31 May 2021, 1700 CAT</b>
Announcement of selection results	<b>30 July 2021</b>
Students enrol at UNZA	<b>September 2021</b>

Applicants will have 7 calendar days to confirm acceptance of the TDR Postgraduate Scholarship after notification of offer. After this date, it will be assumed that the student refuses the scholarship. The University of Zambia School of Public Health reserves the right to refuse or end attribution of the scholarship if the provided information has been proven false.

### **For further information or clarification, please contact:**

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