

# POSTGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Biomedical Research & Training Institute

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PhD/DPhil AND POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN MODELLING AND IMMUNOGENETICS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The Biomedical Research and Training Institute (BRTI), a not-for-profit making research and training institution dedicated to building health research capacity in Zimbabwe is inviting applications for postgraduate fellowships sponsored by the Trials of Excellence in Southern Africa (TESA) through funding from the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP).

The fellowships which are on offer seek to provide multi-disciplinary training to junior scientists to strengthen research capacity and promote high quality, innovative, and locally relevant clinical research including but not limited to emerging diseases like SARS Cov-2.

Two fellowships are on offer as follows:

1. One PhD/DPhil fellowship for a maximum duration of three years
2. One Post-doctoral fellowship for a maximum of three years

### Eligibility

PhD (Infectious Diseases Modelling):

1. Applicants must be Zimbabwean nationals or permanent residents and should be registered or intending to register with any institution of higher learning in Zimbabwe.
2. Must have at least 5 years' experience working in infectious diseases research.
3. Must have at least one published manuscript
4. Be in possession of an MSc or MPhil degree in Biostatistics from any recognised university

Post-Doc (Immuno-genetics in Infectious Diseases):

1. Applicants must be Zimbabwean nationals or permanent residents and should be registered or intend to register with an institution of higher learning in Zimbabwe or any country within the SADC which is a member of TESA consortium. Must have at least 5 years' experience working in infectious diseases research.
2. Must have at least one published manuscript in a related field of study
3. Be in possession of a PhD in Virology/Microbiology from any recognised university with a bias towards immunology

The candidates should have an employment contract within Zimbabwe or have an employment guarantee by the Legal Entity in which they express the intention to continue working at least for the next 3 years after training

### Support Provided

Financial Support: The programme offers a modest monthly stipend for living expenses and research costs (consumables, equipment, laboratory or fieldwork).

Scientific Support: The programme offers mentoring and supervision support as well as supported participation in short courses to build research skills.

**Application requirements**

1. A fully completed application form
2. A comprehensive CV including relevant research and work experience
3. Certified transcripts and copies of post high school qualifications submitted as ONE pdf file.
4. Certified Copy of National ID or Passport
5. Two references (one must be an academic referee) emailed directly to: Mr Farirai Mutenherwa, not later than one week following the application deadline below.
6. Requests for application forms and/or more information should be addressed to Mr Farirai Mutenherwa or can be downloaded from the BRTI website [www.brti.co.zw](http://www.brti.co.zw)

Submit completed application to: to Farirai Mutenherwa: [fmutenherwa@brti.co.zw](mailto:fmutenherwa@brti.co.zw) and copy Dr Junior Mutsvangwa: [jnr.mutsvangwa@gmail.com](mailto:jnr.mutsvangwa@gmail.com)

Closing date for applications: **8 March 2022**

**Incomplete Application forms without the required support documents will not be considered.**

