



Call for applications for Postgraduate Scholarships supported by TDR for Academic Year 2018

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Deadline for application: May 30, 2018

Description

The Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) is hosted at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. The vision of TDR is that the health and wellbeing of people burdened by infectious diseases of poverty is improved through research and innovation. The National School of Public Health, Universidad de Antioquia (UdeA) at Medellin, Colombia, invites suitably qualified candidates from low- and middle-income countries in the WHO Region of the Americas to apply for a full scholarship supported by TDR to undertake the full-time Masters programme in Epidemiology for the 2018 academic year, commencing August 2018.

Nine (9) scholarships will be offered for the 2018 academic year in the Master's Program in Epidemiology, leading to a Master degree (2 years' duration). The scholarship recipients will conduct their thesis projects on Implementation Research on infectious diseases of poverty, for example neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), malaria and tuberculosis, in their home countries. The program is taught in Spanish. Recipients will be enrolled as postgraduate students. Their careers will be tracked with TDR's Global alumni and stakeholder platform, providing ongoing monitoring of the impact of the programme, as well as networking and increased visibility opportunities for students.

Eligibility for the Scholarship

Applicants should:

- Be resident in and national of, low- and middle-income countries <https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups> in the WHO Region of the Americas.
- Be 35 years old or younger.
- Meet the standard University of Antioquia requirements for graduate students. <http://www.udea.edu.co/wps/portal/udea/web/inicio/estudiar-udea/posgrado/proceso-admision/>

- Be interested in developing a career in implementation research on infectious diseases of poverty.

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

The scholarship covers:

- Round trip economy airfare between the home country of the student and Medellin, Colombia.
- Tuition fees and a basic medical and accident insurance.
- Allowance toward recommended learning materials (e.g. laptop).
- Support for research project/thesis expenses, including travel during data collection in home country.
- Monthly stipend to cover living expenses equivalent to local living cost.

About the TDR Postgraduate Training Scheme

The TDR Postgraduate Training Scheme has a focus on Implementation Research on infectious diseases of poverty, for example the neglected tropical diseases http://www.who.int/neglected_diseases/diseases/en/ malaria and tuberculosis. 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. The goal of this scheme is to enhance graduate training capacity and boost the number of researchers in low and middle-income countries. Further information on implementation research is available from: www.who.int/tdr/publications/topics/ir-toolkit/en/

Applying for the TDR International Postgraduate Scheme at UdeA

Applicants must first submit their application for a master programme at UdeA <http://www.udea.edu.co/wps/portal/udea/web/inicio/estudiar-udea/posgrado/proceso-admision/>

Calendar for applications

Date the call for applications is posted on line	April 24, 2018
Deadline for application	May 30, 2018
Announcement of selection result	June 29 , 2018

Results

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

Application deadline

May 30, 2018

For more information on the scheme, please contact:

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Full list of countries in the WHO region of the Americas provided below:
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