



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

EXTERNAL JOB VACANCIES (PROJECT POSITIONS)

Applications are invited for the following position

RESEARCH NURSE, KAVI - INSTITUTE OF CLINICAL RESEARCH (KAVI-ICR), ADVERT REF. AD/12/89/25 - 1 POST

The Project

KAVI – Institute of Clinical Research (KAVI-ICR) is an institute of the University of Nairobi mandated to conduct innovative and impactful health research. KAVI-ICR conducts phase I to III clinical trials of drugs and potential vaccine candidates in HIV, Ebola, Tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases. The institute also conducts observational, epidemiological and implementation science research focusing on adolescents and young women health, re-emerging pathogens and cancers.

Purpose of position

KAVI-ICR seeks a versatile Research Nurse who has experience in both community, clinical nursing and counselling skills within the context of clinical research. The incumbent will conduct delegated study procedures including community engagement, mobilization, recruitment, and retention of study participants in accordance with study protocols and Good Participatory Practice (GPP) guidelines.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Planning and drawing up community engagement activity schedules for clinical studies
2. Recruiting and training of Community Advisory Boards (CABs) and peer leaders relating advocacy and research activities
3. Sensitize collaborating stakeholders in the community including governmental institutions, community-based organizations, non-governmental organizations, religious leaders, local administration and community members on research activities at KAVI-ICR
4. Work with community health promoters and peer leaders to effectively mobilize potential participants for clinical research studies
5. Conduct community and clinic education seminars to inform potential participants of upcoming clinical research studies at KAVI-ICR
6. Pre-screen and screen potentially eligible participants to volunteer for participation in clinical research studies
7. Obtain informed consent/assent and ensure participant rights, safety, and confidentiality are safeguarded.
8. Conduct counselling for family planning and HIV counselling and testing for research participants

9. Collect study data as required by the study protocol and manuals, ensuring the highest level of quality and integrity are maintained
10. Perform study-related nursing procedures, including venipuncture and the handling of biological and maternal samples in line with study protocols.
11. Provide treatment and routine clinical care as instructed by study clinicians, including monitoring vital signs, giving prescribed medications, and follow-up care
12. Schedule participants upcoming visits as per study schedules and sent out reminders via SMS or phone call
13. Maintain appropriate study logs including screening, enrolment and reimbursement logs
14. Perform quality control and quality assurance activities as guided by site SOPs and Quality Management Plans
15. Perform any other relevant clinical or research duties as assigned by the Clinic Manager or Director, KAVI - ICR

Job requirements/Specifications:

1. Must have a Diploma in Community Health Nursing from a recognized university or college
2. Must be registered with the Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK) and present a valid practicing license
3. Must have valid Good Clinical Practice and Human Subjects Protection Training certificates
4. Must have at least 3 years' prior experience coordinating and conducting clinical research including vaccine clinical trials
5. Experience and skills needed: qualitative and quantitative data collection skills, Quality Control and Quality Assurance skills, HIV counselling and testing, excellent written and verbal communication skills.

Terms of Appointment

This is a one-year full time contract renewable based on performance and by mutual consent.

NOTES:

1. Applicants should email their application letters, certified copies of certificates and curriculum vitae (CV) giving details of their qualifications, experience and three (3) referees as well as indicating their telephone and e-mail contacts.
2. Applications and related documents be addressed to the Director, Human Resource, University of Nairobi.
3. Applicants should state their current designations, salaries and other benefits attached to those designations.
4. The application letter must bear the reference code indicated in the advertisement.
5. Late applications will not be considered.
6. Applications should be emailed to as one file in PDF: recruit-rnkavi@uonbi.ac.ke

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025

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